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DEV'S DISH OF THE DAY

Chef Dev Biswal is one man doing his best to truly spice up life on the isle.

The man at the helm of the Indian Princess is tantalising and teasing taste buds with his latest menu, which includes meats more often found in the zoo than on the dinner table. He is serving up a range of exotic meals to please the palates of his diners as part of the restaurant's latest food festival.

Dev has been busy honing the dishes to culinary perfection and dishing up only the best recipes for his customers at the critically-acclaimed eatery.

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■ BY TOM BETTS

A DISTRICT councillor is coming under increasing pressure to resign amid claims that he does not have enough time for his constituents.

Stephen Broadhurst, one of three representatives for the Dane Valley ward in Margate, is under fire for seemingly spending more time in the Central American state of Panama on business than he does in Thanet.

The Tory councillor is paid some £4,360 of taxpayers' money each year to represent his ward, which is paid to him in 12 equal instalments, and the calls for him to step down are increasing.

The isle's Labour group leader Clive Hart said: "I don't think I'd recognise the man if I bumped into him in broad daylight. If people have holidays or work commitments that take them away every so often, then no one can argue, but there is a difference here.

"Cllr Broadhurst represents one of the most deprived wards in Kent. I have no idea how any member can be away for weeks at a time from a ward that is in such desperate need of representation and commitment as Dane Valley is.

"If someone does not have the time to do the job properly, then they should allow the residents there to elect someone who could. What is he doing with his money?"

Yourthanet called Cllr Broadhurst's mobile on Friday morning. We asked to speak to him, but a man's voice said "No, this is not him, he's ill, goodbye" before disconnecting the call.

We rang again later that afternoon and a man again answered. We were told that the

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Police stop 60 drivers at A256 roadside checks

■ BY TOM BETTS

AUTOMATIC number plate recognition technology has been used to clamp down on drivers flouting the law.

Police officers set up a checking area on Friday on the A256 near Richborough, with 60 vehicles and drivers scrutinised.

Police from both the South Kent and East Kent policing areas used ANPR, the system to identify vehicles that have been recorded on a number of databases as being of potential interest to the authorities.

They were looking for those driving without insurance or tax or for vehicles driven by disqualified drivers.

At the same time, officers on motorcycles were looking for people who were driving poorly from the roundabout by the former Richborough power station.

Cannabis

They led those drivers in to the area off the A256 where they were met by police officers and representatives from other agencies, including VOSA (Vehicle and Operator Services Agency), which oversees MOT tests, the Benefits Agency and the Department for Work and Pensions.

Three arrests were made.

One person had an outstanding warrant with the Metropolitan Police, one person was found to have Class A and Class C drugs in their car and there was one immigration arrest.

One person was cautioned for possessing cannabis.

Another person was found driving without tax, two without an MOT and two without a licence.

Two people were found to have civil debt bailiffs warrants and two people were asked to produce their driving documents at a later date.

Eight people were found to be driving with no insurance, five people were given tickets for not wearing



INSPECTION: Police check a stopped vehicle

seat-belts and three people were given fixed-penalty notices for minor traffic offences.

PC Ian Clark, roads policing officer, said: "There were legitimate reasons for bringing each driver in to the holding area during the operation."

"There were a number of vehicles that we saw that should not have been on the road and they were seized. Those vehicles and some of the decisions by some of their drivers could have proved potentially very dangerous, not least because the weather was dreadful on Friday, making conditions treacherous."

"Road safety is one of our priorities and we know it is a concern for the people of Kent. We will be conducting regular operations like the one on Friday and we hope it sends out a clear message that we will take positive action to increase road safety and enforce traffic legislation."

Six drivers were issued with immediate prohibitions for dangerous defects, problems with their vehicles that must get looked at immediately, while two people were issued with delayed prohibitions for defects which are less-urgently-needed repairs.

Catch the night bus for trouble-free ride

THE isle's new late-night weekend bus has been launched, with about 35 people using it on its first weekend.

Thanet Community Safety Partnership officers say the two nights of the service went off without any trouble.

On the Friday about 15 people got on board, with a further 20 hopping on to get home the following evening.

A spokeswoman said: "For the first weekend, it went well. People were certainly curious as the bus drove past, and lots of people have been talking about it."

"All who got on were pleased with the service and thought it was a good idea."

"It was an equal mixture of males and females, of all age ranges from 18 to about 50."

About £100 was raised towards the cost of running the bus, put on by firm Eastonways.

Two police officers stay on board to act as a deterrent to troublemakers.

The spokeswoman said: "There was no trouble at all."

Gale joins in campaign

ISLE MP Roger Gale has signed up to take action to improve the lives of local communities.

He has backed the launch of Community Service Volunteers' Make a Difference Day at Parliament.

Held on October 31, the campaign is the UK's biggest day of volunteering.

This year's campaign is dedicated to creating small 'kindness acts' as a way to bring communities together.

The MP said: "It's easy to forget in the day-to-day chaos how powerful we are to make changes. Through volunteering we make a real difference, which is why I'm signing up."

To find out more, call the Make a Difference Day hotline on 0800 284 533 or visit www.csv.org.uk/difference.

Dreamland gets cash

THE Dreamland Trust has been given £384,500 by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The money is to get the world's first heritage theme park off the ground.

A full application to bag a further £2.65 million of Lotto cash will now be submitted by campaigners.

The first chunk of money does not guarantee any further funding but is seen as a sign that the project has real support and meets official criteria.

If built, the heritage park would feature classic rides and attractions alongside the Scenic Railway at the Dreamland site.

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Boar, python and zebra on menu at Dev's place

■ BY TOM BETTS

EXOTIC meats and wild flavours have been added to the menu at one of the isle's favourite restaurants.

Staff at The Indian Princess in Margate are serving up zebra, wild boar, python, ostrich and even crocodile meat to wow customers who fancy getting their taste buds around some unconventional flavours and dishes.

With his team, executive chef Dev Biswal is putting on the restaurant's Wild and Exotic Food Festival until the end of the month at the acclaimed restaurant.

Diners from around the country have been heading there to sample the rare dishes from across the world.

Sustainable

Dev said: "The festival is about giving people something different to try, a new taste experience. We are offering the dishes themselves or as part of a special tasting menu in which all the meats will be served.

"I have a great passion for ingredients – and food in general.

"The rarer an ingredient, the more it fires me up. It's therefore naturally exciting when there is an opportunity to cook exotic meats such as python and fillets of crocodile tail."

All the meats Dev and his team cook are from sustainable sources and meet regulations on welfare set out by CITES – the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Dev, 32, said: "We've researched our sources in

Chef tries some new ingredients

depth to make sure each meat is part of a production system which is in keeping with the welfare and conservation policies of the EU.

"All the meats featured come through meat plants certified by the EU Food Standard Agency. It's something that is very important to us."

The ostrich comes from South Africa and is smoked with cloves before being char-grilled, while the crocodile fillets are slow-cooked in tamarind, coconut and spices to make it tender.

The rich, gamey zebra steaks and the sweet, nutty wild boar fillets are both pan-grilled, while the python, which has a texture akin to eel, is slow-cooked in a tomato-and-onion sauce for five hours.

The dishes are all dreamt up by Dev, who takes a scientific approach to his cooking to find the best combinations. It is not just the exciting flavours that should appeal to diners.

Dev said: "In general, game meat is leaner than meat from domesticated animals.

"Game meat usually contains fewer calories and less saturated fat, making it a good choice for a healthy heart."

• To see Tom Betts's take on the Wild and Exotic Food Festival menu, visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search 'Indian Princess'



MASTERMIND: Dev Biswal has come up with exotic menu

Calls 'diverted' to mystery man

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councillor was in bed with a chest infection. The man said he did not know if he was in Panama or Thanet and that the councillor's calls had been "diverted" to him.

On Tuesday a man again answered and said he had not seen or heard from Cllr Broadhurst for two days.

There is no answer at his home telephone number available on Thanet council's website.

If Cllr Broadhurst stepped down, a by-election would be triggered in the ward.

Taking the mickey

Blogger Tony Flaig lives in Cllr Broadhurst's ward of Dane Valley.

He said: "I think it's an outrage, he is taking the mickey out of us, the people who live here. The situation seems unjust and untenable.

"I have tried to contact him recently about the Northdown House issue but not had any reply, which is not good, seeing as I wanted to discuss the situation with him.

"He is not available in my eyes and it's not good enough and not in the spirit of being an elected person in my book. He should go, and go now."

Thanet council's records show that since the start of the year Cllr Broadhurst has attended three meetings, the lowest number behind former councillor Audrey Pickering, who was suffering ill-health.

That number is a third of the amount he was due to attend.

According to the council's democratic services department, if a member of the council does not attend a meeting for a six-month period, they cease to be a member of council with immediate effect.

Yourthanet tried to contact Thanet council leader Sandy Ezekiel to ask what he thought of Cllr Broadhurst's attendance record, but he was unavailable for comment.

RNLI called out to rescue boys

LIFEBOAT crews have rescued two children off Westbrook.

The youngsters had got into difficulties close to the sea wall while out swimming on last Thursday.

Coastguards at Dover received the 999 call and the RNLI lifeboat was sent to assist.

A female member of the public was able to throw them a life-ring, which the two boys were able to hold on to, and the woman kept hold of the rope.

She was able to reassure them that help was on the way and the inshore lifeboat from Margate arrived on scene just nine minutes after being alerted. The crew took the two children on board.

They were showing signs of hypothermia so were taken back to the lifeboat station, where they were handed over to the care of paramedics.

In another incident, two crewmen aboard a 12-metre commercial fishing vessel contacted coastguards at Dover on Sunday reporting they had encountered mechanical problems while fishing eight miles off Margate.

They had anchored the boat, but were drifting and asked the coastguard for assistance.

This time Margate's all-weather lifeboat was launched and in a five-hour operation towed the fishing boat into Ramsgate harbour.

Secret debate ends with go-ahead for Sands development

THE Royal Sands development at the Pleasurama site in Ramsgate has been approved by Thanet councillors.

After a debate in the council chamber on Thursday night last week, councillors voted to give the go-ahead under new financial terms and a revised construction schedule.

The scheme was given unanimous backing after the Press and public were excluded from the debate.

Councillors examined many aspects of the proposal, including the source of its funding, elements of possible risks for the council, arrangements for the monitoring and control of the build process and the flood risk.

The site falls in the Eastcliff ward of Labour councillor David Green.

He said: "In these difficult economic times I have no doubt that if completed as planned the development is good news for Ramsgate and Thanet generally. I am assured that there is a reasonable expectation of this by the already considerable financial commitment by the devel-

oper and the financial commitment by the Kent builder Cardy.

"There are risks of non-completion, but we are assured by the ruling group at Thanet council that the risk to the council has been minimised."

Cllr Green called for close monitoring of the work and said: "I am encouraged by Cardy's offer of regular meetings with residents and representatives to deal with any problems during the build."

"Labour had proposed to allow the discussion to be held in front of the public, but the move was blocked by the Tories and Independents.

"Thanet council has not handled this development particularly well over the past five years and this has caused suspicion and stress among Ramsgate residents.

"The ruling group's refusal to allow discussion in public at the council meeting unnecessarily fuels that suspicion. However, the decision to proceed offers a fresh opportunity that should be grasped by all concerned."

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Conservation zone extended again

THE charm and character of Broadstairs should be further protected after a council meeting last week.

The conservation area was extended to include Granville Avenue, Oscar Road, Westcliff Avenue, Westcliff Road, Wrotham Road, York Street, Granville Road, Ramsgate Road, Eastern Esplanade, Alexandra Road, Dickens Road, Shutler Road, Rectory Road and The Pathway.

Stricter enforcement and tighter planning laws will now be in operation after members unanimously gave the extension the go-ahead at the council chamber in Margate on Thursday.

Conservation area status was granted in 1979 and extended in 1986. The area mainly covers the centre of the town.

Icom is Ramsgate Week's sponsor

COMMUNICATIONS firm Icom UK has been named as sponsor of Ramsgate Week, the sailing regatta put on by the Royal Temple Yacht Club.

The Herne Bay firm is the official radio communications supplier and will be supplying the regatta with IC-M31 marine handheld VHF transceivers, which will be used by the safety fleet and onshore organisers.

The regatta has been a feature of the town's calendar for a century and attracts about 100 boats.

It is the third largest international regatta in the UK.

The racing programme has been amended to provide a gap between Cowes Week and Ramsgate Week.

Change of heart over land is good news for residents

A MOOD of optimism has replaced one of frustration in a Broadstairs road.

Residents of Dumpton Park Drive are feeling chipper after a land dispute with Thanet council moved closer to what they feel is a more acceptable resolution.

Seven homeowners are hopeful they will be given the chance to buy a patch of land that is now on the council's asset disposal list, a move decided by its cabinet last year.

They were annoyed to discover the council planned to sell the land, even though ownership of it was under dispute.

The land, which would have been used for access, was not the council's and neighbours were worried that development would have a negative effect on the community, squeezing in a house where one was not wanted.

The council announced the good news to the

■ BY TOM BETTS

residents last week. A spokeswoman said: "Ward councillor Judith Russell met council leader Sandy Ezekiel and head of development services Brian White. The outcome is that Cllr Russell is going back to residents to discuss them purchasing the land."

Neighbours had originally offered to buy the land in 2007. However, the council later revealed plans to sell it off with planning permission for a four-bedroom home.

The neighbours then sought legal advice to oppose the sale and put in an application for village green status for the front plot to ward off development plans.

Two weeks ago they threw a party on the land which would have formed the front entrance to any site to emphasise their point.

Graeme Coussins lives next door to the land

and has been leading the fight. He said the council never had the right to sell the land in the first place and welcomed the news.

He said: "We are pleased there seems to be a change of heart on the council's part."

"We will be getting the land valued and hope to be able to do what we wanted in the first place, which is purchase the land ourselves. It makes the most sense."

Thanet South MP Steve Ladyman attended the party in support of the residents' cause and made a well-received speech.

Hearing the news, he said: "Thanet council simply got this one wrong and I'm pleased they seem to have accepted that."

"They can't possibly sell a patch of land that can only be accessed over land the council doesn't own and has no rights to."

"It appears they've had second thoughts and will try to work something out with the residents, which is what we all wanted in the first place."

JESSIE'S SHIRT IS THE WINNER

Hundreds of children across Kent produced a splash of colour for a T-shirt design competition to promote cycling safety - but it was Minster Primary School's Jessie Leah (left) who won outright.

Children used vivid yellow, bright blue and red shirts emblazoned with the 'Be safe, be seen' message for the safer cycling campaign. Shirts with Jessie's winning design will be worn by officials from Kent County Council road safety team and Kent Police.

They are taking part in the Circuit of Kent charity challenge ride in September, organised by Sevenoaks Rotary Club.

Cabinet member for highways Nick Chard, presenting the winning pupils with their shirts, said: "This is a great idea. We are concerned about children's safety and I very much welcome that schools have taken this on board."

"The shirt designs are excellent. Most of the adults I have spoken to have said we couldn't have got a professional to do a better job."

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STILL WATERS: You can join the Rock Doc Alasdair Bruce at Pegwell Bay for one of his guided walks

Our coast with the most fun this summer

■ BY TOM BETTS

A HOST of coastal activities will ensure the 2009 school summer holidays go with a splash.

The Thanet Coast Project is holding free beach-based activities suitable for many ages.

There are specific events for younger children – aged four to 14 – including Geology Rocks, an exploration of rocks and fossils, and BeachART marine life sand competitions.

A visit to Quex Park will also take place, where the science and spectacle of the Victorian coast will feature in stories about sea monsters, smugglers and serpents.

For older children – aged eight to 18 – there are free taster sessions for surfing or kayaking, film-making workshops and scuba sessions.

Beach Blast events will also be held with different activities for 11- to 18-year-olds, ranging from beach sport, art, surfing, safaris, music and a barbecue.

For older people, there are guided walks with Alasdair Bruce at Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend and Kingsgate, while Ian Titley

from The Natural History Museum takes the Seaweeds and their Secrets sessions at Botany Bay.

Other family activities include free sailing taster sessions with Margate Yacht Club and a gentle cycle ride on the Edge of the World tour. The only trip which is charged for is the classic four-hour seal trip onboard the open yacht Wildlife Sailing.

This takes explorers out from Minnis Bay to see the isle's offshore wildlife.

Skipper Mike Turner plans to retire after 14 years of these popular boat trips, so this summer could be your last chance to take part in an offshore excursion.

Tony Child, Thanet Coast Project manager, said: "We've arranged so many free beach activities this summer, thanks to support from the Lottery.

"I hope to see lots of families making the most of these free activities, especially with record numbers of people holidaying closer to home this year.

"Places are limited, so anyone who wants to take part should go to www.thanetcoast.org.uk or call at their local visitor information centre to get themselves booked in."

Full details of all the summer activities can be found at www.thanetcoast.org.uk or on the Thanet Coast Summer 2009 events.

Marina restoration moves step closer

GRANVILLE Marina has been bought by Thanet council.

The old Marina Restaurant has been made subject of a compulsory purchase after years of being in a state of disrepair.

The building's previous owner Au Clair failed to comply with orders to bring it up to standard and the planning committee has voted to buy it.

Restoration will now move forward and the council will seek a developer to enter into an agreement to carry out the work.

Ken Gregory, chairman of the planning committee, said: "Members feel strongly that this property be restored as there was a considerable concern when part of the structure

came down last year. The action members voted for will enable the work to be carried out on this building to bring it back to its former glory."

English Heritage will indemnify Thanet council against expenses incurred in the purchase of the property. The Ramsgate seafront property was built as a photographer's studio by John Thomas Wimperis in 1877.

He was a favoured architect of the first Duke of Westminster.

Two separate urgent works notices and a Section 48 Repairs Notice have been served – the owners failed to comply with two of the notices. Non-compliance triggered the compulsory purchase order.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Guest-house 'priest' alert

POLICE are appealing for information about a man who has skipped bail and claims to be a French priest.

Harry Contier, 60, was arrested and charged with five counts of fraud after bed-and-breakfast hotels in Broadstairs, Margate, East Sussex and Derbyshire reported a guest leaving without paying and being given money by people he had befriended.

People were touched by his story that he was blind in one eye and suffering from diabetes.

Contier, who has also used the alias Henri de St Aubin, has not answered bail and is now wanted by police.

PC Vanessa Law said: "We are appealing to hotel and guest-house owners, doctors' surgeries and hospitals to stay alert as we believe he is travelling and will need medication."

Phone Margate police on 01843 231055 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Trinity football invitation

A NEW league has been launched for young footballers. Trinity Football Threes is for 11- to 18-year-olds and players can create their own teams and play in the TFT Champions League or the TFT Silver League.

Youngsters can play for free and register via Facebook on the Trinity Football Threes page, or on the day.

Matches take place at Margate FC on Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm.

TFT is a lottery-funded programme that aims to support young people from deprived areas. For more information, phone 0788 242 7980.

Washed-up art on display

DAVID Holtek, an American artist living in Ramsgate, collected three pieces of wood from the shoreline in January and turned them into works of art.

The wood, from the scavenging bonanza that followed the loss of a timber cargo from the freighter Sinegorst, washed ashore on the isle and were painted by Mr Holtek.

The pieces have been on display at the Belgian Bar, Ramsgate, since Saturday, when a launch party was held in the evening. The exhibition runs until Thursday, August 13.

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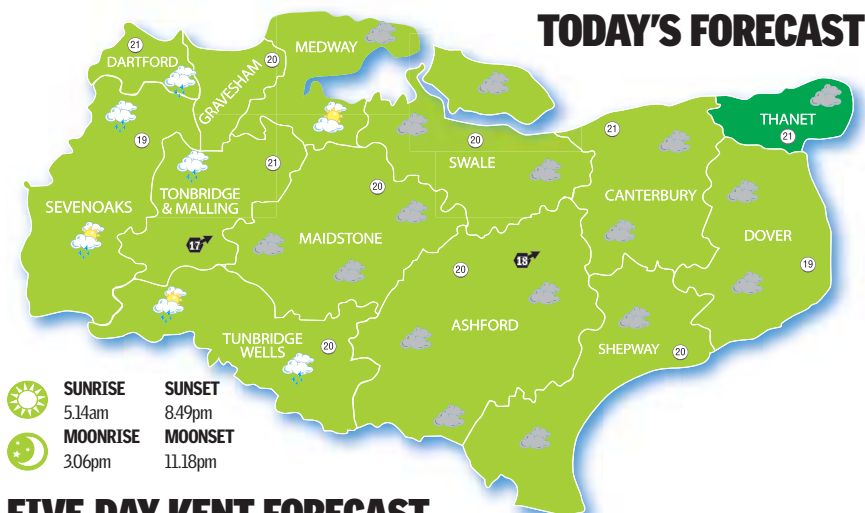
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	Sunday	9:11am	6.0m
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Isle MP spices up his hero Campbell's life

ISLE MP Stephen Ladyman has joined Prime Minister Gordon Brown and 100 celebrities and servicemen and women to help cook up the perfect fund-raising book for the Help For Heroes charity.

Food For Heroes is the cookery book equivalent of the X Factor chart-topping single Hero.

It was published by Accent Press on June 26 to coincide with the first Armed Forces Day and all profits are being donated to Help For Heroes.

Dr Ladyman (right), the Labour MP for Thanet South, was invited by author Jon Pullen to join the ranks of political leaders, celebrities and servicemen and women who were asked to contribute.

They were all asked who their hero was and why, plus what they would like to cook for them.

For Dr Ladyman it was Donald Campbell, the only man to set land and water speed records in the same year. He would serve his idol Tex-Mex spicy balls with tomato salsa.

Other contributors include Ewan McGregor, Fern Britton, Bruce Forsyth, David Jason, Ross Kemp and Dame Judi Dench.

Sports personalities Ricky Hatton, Colin Jackson and Steve Redgrave and chefs Paul Gayler, Anton Mossiman, Ainsley Harriott and Brian Turner also contribute.

Dr Ladyman said: "I chose Donald Campbell because he was the ultimate hero. When it dawned on me after the Bluebird crashed on Coniston Water that he was mortal like the rest of us, my admiration for the way he lived only increased. I was honoured to be asked to take part. I hope my contribution will enable Help For Heroes to reach their £100,000 target."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

PAUL RATCLIFF



Q You used to be an atheist. Why was that?

A My grandparents were devout Christians. I was baptised as a baby and taken to Sunday School regularly, but my brother and I hated going and we stopped when I was about six years old. This was the time of the Apollo moon missions, and I found these really exciting and inspiring. They triggered an interest in science, and by the time I was a teenager I had dismissed religion, all religion, as primitive superstition. I was convinced that God did not exist and believed that science had all the answers to the mysteries of the universe.

Q What made you change your mind?

A The first seeds of doubt were sown when I was a student.

I met intelligent, well-educated people who were Christians, and I was always keen to discuss faith with them. My dogmatic atheism softened into a sceptical agnosticism as I recognised that it is impossible to prove that God does not exist.

The real difference came after our son was born. My wife wanted him baptised and I was happy to go along with it. We started attending the All Age Service at St Alphege, Seasalter, and were struck by the atmosphere of a joyful family celebration.

After a couple of years we volunteered to host a Christian course and I encountered a

dimension of faith I hadn't known about before. For the course leaders faith wasn't an intellectual choice; it was something you lived and Jesus was a person they knew. When I was asked if I would like to invite Jesus into my life I leapt at the chance.

Q Do you have any doubts about Christianity?

A I have no doubt about the existence of God, no doubt that he is the creator of the universe, no doubt that Jesus is his son, that he rose from death and is alive today, and no doubt that the Holy Spirit makes him known in the world and unites us with God.

I recognise that the church is frequently unable to agree on various aspects of Christian doctrine and that due to human frailty it has at times been a quite lamentable witness to the Christian faith.

Q Do you think modern science is compatible with Christianity?

A I think modern science is entirely compatible with Christianity. God created a universe governed by physical laws and equipped us with the intellectual capability to explore the universe, to understand how it works and to use those discoveries for the benefit of humanity.

The perceived conflicts result from imperfect understanding of God, of scripture, or of science.

Q Did your academic research influence your attitude to religion?

A For a while my academic research gave me an intellectual arrogance that made it hard to be open to the truth of the Gospel. However, embracing faith has not challenged or refuted the findings of my research at all, nor questioned the methodology.

Although I recognise that many people (not least C.S. Lewis, Malcolm Muggeridge and Alister McGrath) have come to faith through an intellectual path, this did not work for me. It was the witness of trusted friends to the reality of the living Christ and his presence in my life that brought about my conversion.

Q Now being a Christian, would you work for the MoD again?

A War has been described as the ultimate failure of diplomacy – it is also the ultimate failure of humanity and society. War is ethically abhorrent, and it is abhorrent to God.

However, we need to recognise that the state and the Church recognise the concept of 'a just war', and if the state is to send its young men and women into combat it is morally essential to minimise the risk they face by providing them with appropriate equipment through the research and procurement programme.

I would think twice before working for the MoD, but I did not leave because my work was incompatible with my faith, but because Jesus called me to a different vocation.

Q&A

Reporter **Jenny Armstrong** talks to newly-ordained Deacon Paul Ratcliffe, who has a doctorate in nuclear electronics and used to be a Ministry of Defence scientist, about his journey from atheism to faith



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Cancer charity wants our readers to kick-start £8m fund-raiser

Search is on to find the owner of the county's Ugliest Mug

A CHARITY has today launched a hunt for the Ugliest Mug in Kent to kick-start one of the biggest fund-raising events in Britain.

But before you take offence and start arguing the virtues of inner beauty – they're not interested in your faces.

Macmillan Cancer Support wants to find the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county.

For the Ugly Mug Amnesty, which it is launching today backed by KOS Media, it wants you to dig out old mugs lurking at the back of your cupboards or being used to hold toothbrushes in the bathroom.

When you've found your Ugliest Mug, take a photo of you holding it by your face and email it to the address at the end of this story.

Also make sure you tell us if it has an interesting history or funny story behind how it

■ BY JON COATES

came into your possession. Every week we'll choose an Ugly Mug of the Week, which we'll put on our websites.

So try to make sure we can see the mug clearly in your photo and include your name, age, address, job and contact details.

Encouraged

Then a week before Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 25, we'll choose and publish the winner of the Ugly Mug Amnesty.

The winner will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

Laura Thornton, Macmillan Cancer Support's fund-raising manager for Kent, said:



GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS: Nurse Josie Richards (left) and radiographers Brenda Manktelow (right) and Steve Dann (centre), who all work for Macmillan, helped launch the Ugly Mug Amnesty and The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

"An Ugly Mug Amnesty has never been done before, but everyone has a mug lurking at the back of their cupboard with a story behind it.

"We want to ask people to send in pictures of their mugs and tell us the history behind them."

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's flagship fund-raiser.

Now in its 19th year, it has become one of the biggest fund-raising events in Britain along with Children in Need and Red Nose Day.

Macmillan asks the public to host or attend a coffee morning, with all donations going directly to those affected by cancer.

Supporters are encouraged to visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Make sure you enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

Last year the World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £7.5 million and the target this year is more than £8m nationwide.

But we are calling on all our readers to help make Kent the biggest fund-raiser in the country. We'll be holding a coffee morning for staff on September 25 and urge businesses across the county to join in, too.

Macmillan has 120 health professionals active across Kent helping patients and their families deal with cancer.

Their support means people do not have to face harrowing ordeals on their own.

All entries into the Ugly Mug Amnesty must be received by Friday, September 11, with the winner announced in the Wednesday, September 16, papers.

But you don't have to wait till then – get your entries in to be crowned Ugly Mug of the Week and see yourself on our websites.

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Regulator tells water firms to drop prices



DROP IN THE BUCKET: Water industry regulator Ofwat has told companies their planned price hikes are unacceptable

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

WATER companies in Kent could be forced to slash bills by as much as ten per cent over the next five years.

The industry regulator Ofwat published its draft responses to firms' business plans last week, with all five providing water and sewerage services in Kent told to either cut or freeze the amount they expect customers to pay.

Homeowners served by South East Water could see their bills go down by an average of six per cent by 2015 – or from £170 to £160 –

compared with the £48 increase proposed by the company.

The draft response also calls for Southern Water bills to go down by an average of two per cent to £373 (£426 proposed), while customers served by Veolia Water Southeast – formerly Folkestone and Dover Water – could see reductions of ten per cent, down to £177 (£226 proposed). All calculations are before inflation.

Karen Gibbs, the Consumer Council for Water's policy manager for London and the South East, welcomed Ofwat's recommendations.

She said: "It looks like good news for customers. Ofwat appears to be saying the companies can deliver good services without having

to increase bills as much as proposed in their business plans.

"Now the companies and the CCW will have to look at where Ofwat has challenged investment proposals to see how that will impact on services and whether it will alter the amount spent on what customers see as priority areas.

"This is the first time the CCW has been involved in price setting and we were aware huge price increases would not be welcome in the current economic climate."

Four of Kent's five water companies released statements on Thursday saying they had noted Ofwat's draft response and would consider its views ahead of a final decision in November.

But Thames Water reacted angrily to the report. The company wanted to increase its average bills by 17 per cent to £356 by 2015 but has instead been asked to keep them stable. Chief executive David Owens said: "Initial indications suggest the draft may not allow us to deliver what customers want."

"For example, this means we won't be able to reduce leakage at all over the next five years."

Ofwat chief executive Regina Finn said: "We understand times are hard and have listened to customers. They want a safe, reliable water supply at reasonable cost. Our decisions allow well-run companies to invest in the right place at the right time for the right price."



ON THE RUN: Nigel (left) and Adam, with Natalie Court of Cancer Research UK

Michelle's friends are going the extra mile

TWO friends have pledged to run 10k to help a friend battling cancer for the third time.

Adam Dudley and Nigel Scott will tackle the Leeds Castle 10k run in September in support of Michelle Borrett, who was diagnosed with skin cancer 18 years ago.

Michelle, 38, who lives near the pair in Walderslade, had a cancerous mole removed when she was 20.

After being told the cancer hadn't spread, she went on to marry Gary and

have a daughter, Grace, now eight, but in spring 2005 Michelle found a lump in her groin and investigations revealed the cancer had returned.

Despite surgery to remove 22 lymph nodes, Michelle has now been told the cancer has spread to her brain and the future looks uncertain.

The two friends – who admit they are not natural-born runners – will run the Cancer Research UK event on Sunday, September 27, in the picturesque grounds of the castle, near Maidstone.

Adam, 43, an IT support analyst, said: "I admit I'm not the most active person. Training for the 10k is the first real exercise I've undertaken in more than ten years, which goes some way to showing how important this is to me."

Cancer Research UK's Run 10k is one of a series of 43 fundraising events in the UK this autumn. It is hoped 2,000 participants will enter the Maidstone event to hit the fundraising target of £138,654. To sponsor Adam or Nigel, visit www.run10kspansorme.org/adamdudley.

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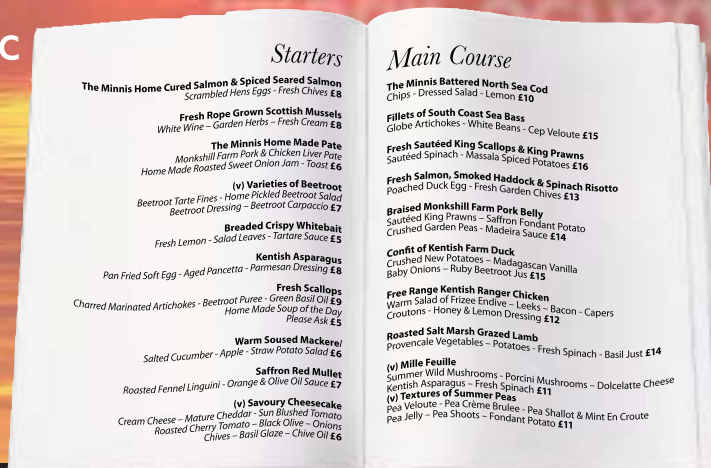
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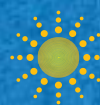
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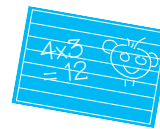
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Design pupils find winning Formula with Red Bull team

■ BY TOM BETTS

STUDENTS studying GCSE and A-level design technology at Dane Court Grammar School have enjoyed an 'access all areas' visit to the headquarters of the Formula One Red Bull racing team's manufacturing site in Milton Keynes.

The students were guests of former Dane Court pupil Andrew Macfarlan, who heads the composite materials department for the team.

The trip was organised to enable the students to see for themselves the many cutting-edge processes that go into the development of the highly-successful Formula One racing car.

In the morning there was a



NEED FOR SPEED: Students learn how a Formula One car is put together

full tour of the manufacturing site and in the afternoon Andrew had arranged a visit to the Red Bull wind-tunnel in Bedford.

This impressive structure was built by the military to test aeroplane components.

More recently it was used to develop Concorde until it was bought and refurbished to test the latest aerodynam-

ic developments for the Red Bull team.

Jacob Reynolds-Wallder, a student from Margate, said: "It was an awesome day. We were able to see a side of Formula One that was very different to what you see on television."

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I thoroughly enjoyed the trip."

BREAK TIME

Young drivers race to learn new skills

YOUNG mathematicians at St Peter-in-Thetanet Junior School, Broadstairs, are on the right track when it comes to the exciting world of virtual motor racing.

Students from years 5 and 6 have just completed their third season taking part in the Maths in Motion programme.

And year 6 super virtual racer Juliet Landeman took the chequered flag way ahead of her competitors to claim the title.

The initiative has attracted interest from schools across the UK in the last few years and children at St Peter's have lapped up the challenges facing them at their regular after-school club meetings between September and April.

The pupils set up their cars as if they were a member of a pit team and raced weekly, developing teamwork skills as well as mathematical skills such as percentages and scales as they fine-tuned their virtual cars to get the optimum performance out of them.

Supported by teacher Dr John Tebbutt



DRIVING AMBITION: Pupils with their medals

and students from Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate, the boy and girl racers competed against each other and also took on older students during the year.

The winning driver of the in-school competition was Juliet Landeman on 127 points, way ahead of runner-up Caroline Pearson on 86 points.

Narrowly beaten into third place on 85 points was Thomas McGuirk, with Alex Payne fourth and Daniel Goodbourn fifth.

The winning team was Hot Wheels CGIJ, with Speed Demons coming in second place.



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A dispiriting time in a supermarket queue sparks a nostalgic craving for imperfection

Human interaction has been stolen by modern technology

JUDGING humanity while in a queue at Tesco is not the most life-affirming activity, but this week I found myself – plastic-packeted houmous, rocket salad and avocado in hand – in that very position.

It amazes me that we seem to have stripped day-to-day life of human interaction.

We have reached the end of the self-service decade – in banks, supermarkets, in the driver's seat, on buses, while juggling our iPhones, MP3s, sat-navs and other unfathomable electronic gadgets that tell us whether we need to take more steps, eat more fruit, turn left, breathe...

"Please insert your credit or debit card" comes from eight checkouts, while a bland-sounding robot with no discernable accent drones "incorrect item" in the bagging area, while one girl (who cannot be more than 16 but is very much alive) sits as a puppet-master, chewing gum, watching over these

automatic time-saving machines. It won't scan your pasta salad, madam? Please enter authentication code. The machine understands the barcode.

This march of technology has become more of a sprint. I remember at the end of the 1990s, in sixth form, a friend telling me that her phone could send texts (TEXTS?) if you just typed what you wanted to say on the screen.

In a very short space of time we have become nothing more than ASL, CYALSR, B4N.

We scan our own salads, marvel at paying in cheques through a shiny silver slot, interact with each other through a series of scrambled letters and numbers. Why? To save time, of course! But time for what?

A week ago I stood at London Bridge station, where a sign told me I must buy my ticket before boarding or run a gauntlet of fines.

Drivers no longer chat, take your money or comment on the weather. They drive. That is their title and that is what they do.

I asked a question about my stop and the driver (note, no conductors anymore, automat-

ic devices can save a year's salary) said "The bus will tell you". Minutes later, far too close to a man who had never heard of deodorant, I find the bus speaks. Again, that blandest of accents warns you when your stop is near.

Soon the buses will be driverless, navigating the city's streets using magnets embedded in the road. Passengers will determine their pick-up point using Bluetooth technology. And that is not Orwellian thinking. That is fact.

And so I wonder what it would be like to go back a decade, before the internet (how did we ever do anything before that?) before mobile phones, before everything had been over-complicated in an effort to over-simplify.

Progress is unending and corresponds to our view that we are endlessly perfectible.

Yet from my position in the supermarket queue, I would choose imperfection in the blink of an eye.

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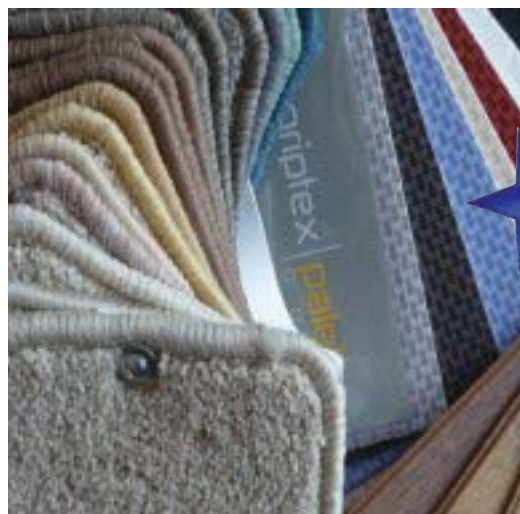
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YOUR LETTERS

Young people need to be taught respect by adults

Unfortunately many people nowadays have no respect for others, including Dolly Rockers, really (last week's Yourthanet).

So many are to blame: parents, teachers, the Government – everyone who in one way or another guides or teaches youngsters from birth.

If they are not corrected or steered away from wrong, or they constantly hear bad language, then they will copy others.

When we have people like Jonathan Ross and others disgracing themselves with bad language on television, where most of the copying arises, can we really blame them?

At one time everything went through panels of people to be scrutinised before it was passed for viewing; even in public places the context of the show was monitored. I really don't believe this exists now.

We are told if you don't like it, turn it off. Where has the decency gone in England?

We are becoming foul-mouthed, disrespectful layabouts – no one seems to be stopping this, it is going from one generation into the next.

I say bring back discipline in schools, tougher sentences for criminal offences and less benefits to make them go into work – who the heck worked out how much to give the out of work benefit claimants?

How did they ever believe people would go back to work for less money? People should want to go back to work to better themselves, not to suffer.

Carole Russell
Ramsgate

Join my fish swap-shop

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I can only pay you by swapping other fish, but don't throw things out to the dustman.

It will even allow me to set up tanks for other people free of charge in old people's homes, doctors' surgeries and private homes – it keeps me happy and makes other people happy, too.

I saw a dustman throw a tank into the back of a dustcart one day – terrible when a care home could have done with that and it would have kept a lot of elderly folk very happy indeed.

Even if you want your tank cleaned out, I am quite prepared to do that for you and no charge is required.

Please phone 01843 847986 if you are interested in my offer.

Bernard LaRoche
Birchington

Mischief-making is petty

When it comes so serving a parish or district council ward, it is a lot easier to criticise others than it is to get up and do something yourself for the community.

Those who do the least seem to be the same people who are too quick to criticise the hardest workers in the community.

We are very lucky in Birchington – we have a dedicated team of councillors who don't just represent the area but actually get involved and organise community activities.

A lot of nonsense has been said about my young colleague John Worrow by what seems to be a few jealous and politically motivated people.

I have known John for a number of



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years and he is not the person that a certain Labour councillor is trying to make him out to be.

John works hard for Birchington, both as a parish councillor and as the chairman of the Village Partnership.

My advice to John is to carry on doing the good work and ignore those who have nothing better to do than to be unpleasant.

We in Birchington are fair-minded people and we don't like mischief-makers.

Jean Fleming
Birchington parish councillor

Get used to the barbs

I read with ever-growing boredom the continual whingeing of some councillors at district and parish level of all political parties about who did or said what about other councillors.

The latest whinger is John Worrow (last week's Yourthanet).

If, as I suspect, Mr Worrow wishes to climb a little further up the greasy political pole, I suggest he gets used to such attacks not only from the opposition but on occasions from within his own party.

The old adage I was brought up on in politics and, specifically in the council chamber, is that 'the opposition are over there and your enemies are all around you'.

This saying served me well during 12 years as a London borough councillor, the final two spent as leader of the council.

Laurence Davies
Ramsgate

Image use was absurd

I wish to complain in the strongest possible terms about the content of last week's article on page three referring to a spat between Cllrs Mark Nottingham and John Worrow.

That issue has nothing to do with either the council leader or me and then to name me and publish the absurd picture taken from a 'blogsite' is journalism at its very worst.

It does no credit to the journalist Tom

Betts and I suggest brings journalism into disrepute.

As the editor is aware from our discussion, I have grounds for a complaint to the Press Complaints Commission (PCC).

I have decided, however, not to proceed but wish my letter of complaint to be published.

The issue between the two councillors is based on a blogsite by Cllr Nottingham, who reported on a meeting that he did not even attend!

The last paragraph statement, attributed to Cllr Nottingham, clearly demonstrates his paranoia, which is totally without any fact.

Lastly, I wish to say that the whole tone of the article is journalism at its very worst and to use a photo from a blogsite is clearly aimed at ridicule – it has nothing to do with the main issue.

Yourthanet should be aware that this mindless feature in the paper has truly upset my wife, a number of friends and also constituents, who all feel that this should have gone to the PCC.

Cllr Roger Latchford OBE
Deputy Leader, TDC

• Editor's note – Yourthanet apologises to Cllr Latchford for all upset, distress or embarrassment caused to him, his wife, friends and constituents by the use of the image in last week's article.

Police are being too PC

Yet again we have Kent Police behaving in a politically correct manner.

The latest move is to recruit gypsies and travellers to ensure their views are taken on board. It's OK in principle – but am I the only person who thinks far too much is done to look after the interests of these groups?

It is no wonder people get resentful when these people are singled out for extra help.

No one looks to make sure the views of the vast majority of people who are law-abiding citizens are given such preferential treatment.

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favour with politicians who don't care about the vast majority of people and are only concerned with appearing 'right on'.

Colin Slaney
by email

School lessons?

I read last week's blog by Gary Wright on tutoring and would like to address a couple of points.

Firstly, he's worried about the reliability of tutors. I can inform him they have recently been asked to cough up £64 for a registration scheme that includes police checks.

However, what guarantee of security is that? All it potentially proves is that a person hasn't been caught yet.

The best way to make sure your child is safe is not to treat the tutor like a glorified babysitter, but to make sure you are present or at least within earshot of your child's lessons.

Secondly, Mr Wright seems to feel that parents use tutors as a substitute for spending time with their children.

In my experience, this is not true – the parents who make the sacrifices to pay for a tutor care deeply about their offspring.

I do agree, though, that the level of private tuition is a damning indictment of the education system. It's got to the point where I wonder what kids do in school all day.

Caroline Brown
by email

Extra tutoring is vital

I am one of your reviled private tutors, Mr Wright! I would not be in gainful employment if it wasn't for the deplorable state of the greater part of our country's education system.

In my mind I am only helping students to attain a far better grade, even if in your mind this grade is inflated.

When schools (even grammar schools) have such young and inexperienced teaching staff, it is little wonder parents opt to spend their money to help their children.

Many a time I have heard tales of woe from parents, all too often highlighting the state of educational provision.

At this point I will add that I do not tutor students aged less than 13/14 and I do not agree that tutoring four-year-olds is a good idea.

With reference to the point about getting 11-year-olds into grammar school, there would not be such a clamour for places at these institutions if the remaining state schools (and this does not include the heavily over-subscribed voluntary-aided schools) were seen to be of a sufficiently high calibre.

Unfortunately, for whatever reason, there are a number of schools in every LEA which suffer a bad name and reputation, and the cause of this can be manifold.

Little wonder, then, that any well-meaning parent wants to

see their children succeed at their full potential.

As for CRB checks, I have had to get one done in the past, but as a self-employed person it is almost impossible to get such a check carried out on oneself.

Most tutors have nothing to hide and are very often just school teachers trying to earn a few extra pennies in their spare time.

Such tutors already have a CRB check in place.

Clive Brown

comment on www.kentnews.co.uk

Communist at large?

Why not have tutors? I'm no communist. The other way of looking at this is that parents are simply helping their children to reach their full potential, rather than artificially boosting their results, as Mr Wright implies.

Why on Earth should parents not spend money improving their children's educational attainment?

Only some kind of damn communist would think that was a bad thing.

P Cook

comment on www.kentnews.co.uk

My hopes for Rams

Roll on the football season! Let's all hope it's not another relegation season for Ramsgate FC. Snigger!

Phil Johnson
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Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK. Right now, around 1,700 people are being treated for malignant melanoma and other skin cancers in the eastern and coastal Kent region.

Most skin cancers are caused by damage from sunburn and could easily be prevented.

1. Apply sunblocks or sunscreens with high sun protection factors (at least factor 15).
2. Take extra care with children – use factor 30 plus. For babies use factor 50 plus.
3. Apply generously and reapply frequently, especially after activities such as swimming or towelling.
4. Wear a wide-brimmed hat to reduce exposure to the face, eyes, head and neck.
5. Limit the amount of time you spend in the sun, particularly between 11am and 3pm.

6. Cover skin with clothing giving good protection - examples are longsleeved shirts and loose clothing with a close weave.
7. Seek shade, but remember sunburn can occur even when in partial shade or when cloudy.
8. Wear wrap-around sunglasses.
9. Remember certain prescribed drugs, medicines, foods, cosmetics and plant materials can also make people more sensitive to sunlight.

Coping with sunburn

Sunburn is when your skin overheats and becomes red and painful and may later peel or blister.

If you get sunburn:

- Cool the skin down by dabbing it with a cool, wet towel or tissue.
- If really bad, take a quick cold shower.
- Don't go back into the sun until you've healed.
- Drink plenty of fluids to replace the water lost through sweating and to cool down.
- Apply calamine or after-sun lotion.
- For adults, painkillers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen can help relieve pain and reduce swelling.

Be prepared for a heatwave

IT'S not just the sun that can be our foe as well as our friend. Continued humidity, especially during a heatwave, can be dangerous too.

The heat can affect anyone, but some people run a greater risk of serious harm, especially the very young, older people and those with serious illnesses.

It can make heart and respiratory problems worse and in extreme cases can lead to heat stroke, which can be fatal.

To stay safe:

10. Keep an eye on children, vulnerable friends and neighbours.
11. Keep plenty of water to hand and stay in the shade where possible.
12. Shut and shade windows when it is hotter outside and open them for ventilation when cooler.
13. Avoid doing things that need lots of effort like sport, DIY or gardening.
14. People with serious health problems (for example heart conditions), should avoid going out in the heat, especially between 11am and 3pm.

15. Drink cold drinks like water or fruit juice regularly and avoid tea, coffee and alcohol.

16. Stay tuned to the weather forecast and plan ahead with supplies – think of elderly neighbours who may need help with supplies.

17. Identify the coolest room in the house to cool down or sleep in.

18. People with respiratory problems should stay inside during the hottest part of the day.



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20. Cover the bottom of your barbecue with coal to a depth of no more than 5cm (2in).
21. Use only recognised firelighters or starter fuel, and then only on cold coals.
22. Wait until coals are glowing red with a powdery grey surface before you start cooking.
23. Wash your hands every time you touch raw meat and keep it separate from other foods.
24. Properly thaw frozen meat before you cook it.
25. Turn meat regularly and move it around the barbecue to cook it evenly.
26. Remember that meat is safe to eat only when it is piping hot in the centre, there is no pink meat visible and the juices are clear.
27. Keep prepared food in the fridge wherever possible and don't leave it out in the sun.

Avoid bringing back the worst kind of souvenir

A sexually transmitted infection (STI) or unintended pregnancy can be the worst kind of souvenir to bring home. Last year, more than 2,500 sexually transmitted infections were diagnosed in east Kent genitourinary medicine clinics.

28. Always buy a pack of condoms in addition to your normal contraceptive.
29. Vomiting, diarrhoea, and some medicines, including some antibiotics and some anti-malaria drugs can make the contraceptive pill and some contraceptive implants less effective so always use a condom to help protect against pregnancy and STIs.
30. Only buy condoms with the CE mark on the packet.
31. Keep condoms away from oil-based products such as suntan lotion, baby oil and lipstick.
32. Store condoms in a cool, dry place.

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For most people, stings and bites from insects are painful but harmless. However, if you also experience symptoms anywhere else you may be having an allergic reaction and should seek emergency medical treatment.

33. Remove the sting as soon as possible with your fingers or tweezers.
34. Bee stings have a poisonous sac so take care not to puncture it as you remove the sting.
35. Wash the area with soap and water.
36. Put a cold flannel on the area.
37. Raise the part of the body that has been stung or bitten to prevent swelling.
38. Use a spray, or cream, containing local anaesthetic or antihistamine on the affected area to help prevent itching and swelling.
39. Take painkillers, such as paracetamol (if the sting or bite is very painful).
40. Don't scratch the area, as it may become infected.
41. Consult your GP if redness and itching does not clear up after 48 hours.

Have fun outdoors in safety

Summer is a great time for children to get out and experience the world around them. You do need to be aware of safety issues, but this isn't a reason to stop children enjoying activities.

42. Nominate a responsible adult to supervise the children at parties and barbecues.
43. Make sure one adult stays sober to supervise the children.
44. Ask hosts to place medicines and cleaning products out of sight and out of reach.
45. Check the garden regularly for potential hazards, such as tools, ponds or water butts.
46. If children are around barbecues, watch that they don't get too close to hot surfaces.
47. Protect your child from the sun.
48. Be safe around water with your child.
49. Consider taking a first aid course.
50. Follow all these simple steps and you be guaranteed a fun and action-packed summer in the sun.

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The second stage, organised in association with Sonic Heights, will feature a dream line-up of bands for anyone who loves rock.

The Blackout have also been added to the line-up, which is exciting news for music fans as the six-piece from Merthyr Tydfil are one of the biggest up-and-coming bands around.

James Dutton, co-founder of Hevy, said: "The band are touring in the US at the moment before flying back to headline a stage at Reading and Leeds, and now they're coming to Kent for the Hevy Music Festival," he said. "These guys are huge."

Kerrang Award nominees The Ghost Of A Thousand have been named one of the top five metal bands in Q Magazine. They will be appearing alongside After The Ordeal, Cancer Bats, Farewell City, One Day Elliott and The Startover.

Fans can look forward to performances by Amber Room, Eleven: Eleven, LightsGoBlue, Sharks, We Are The Ocean, The Xcerts, Elephants, Kingskin, Mexico Fallz, Heartbreak and More Than Normal.

Mr Dutton revealed how pleased he was to have attracted such a stellar line-up, particularly the King of Synth Pop, Gary Numan.

"Gary Numan is a true living legend and we can't quite believe we've managed to book him for the first-ever Hevy Music Festival. I'm going to be seriously star-struck!" he said.

"We set out to create an Alternative Music Festival for Kent to distinguish ourselves from the other great festival in this corner of the UK. Mr Numan has been credited with



paving the way for the Alternative genre back in 1979 and has directly influenced many of the biggest acts in the world today.

"To have him and his live band performing on our main stage as the sun sets over the ocean is going to be spectacular – we can't wait."

The festival will take place on the site of the former Rotunda vintage amusement park on the seafront, with its stunning views of the English Channel.

Gates open at 1pm and tickets cost £48. Book online at www.hevy.co.uk, or buy tickets in person from the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, The Marlowe Theatre box office in Canterbury or the Winter Gardens in Margate.



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Saturday, August 8
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POPULAR comedian Joe Pasquale will be offering two hours of escapism in his new comedy show.

For his summer tour, Pasquale is following the great British tradition of visiting venues in seaside and holiday resorts to deliver some laughs. The show will include lots of magic, mishaps and music, while his trusty twin brother, Raynard, will also be making an appearance.

Another highlight will include a personal tribute to Nostradamus, to whom Pasquale claims he is related, and the comedian will attempt to make some predictions of his own. Pasquale has been delighting live audiences and appearing on television for many years. He became even more popular after winning I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here in 2004 and is a big draw for pantomime audiences. Last year he directed and starred in Peter Pan at Dartford's Orchard Theatre.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16.50.

To book call 01843 292795/296111 or see www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

LIVE MUSIC

Friday, July 31
Westcoast, Margate



LEGENDARY street punk band Red Alert will be causing a stir in Thanet this week.

Formed in Sunderland in 1979, the band released a number of singles in the early 80s and an album on the cult label No Future Records, before breaking up in 1985. The members went their separate ways, but music brought them back together a few years later when they started bumping into each other at a music venue.

When the club's promoter suggested they reform for a comeback gig, they agreed and their 1990 return was so inspirational they decided to stay together. Vocalist Steve 'Cast Iron' Smith has remained the band's backbone throughout the various line-ups, with members of Angelic Upstarts, Cockney Rejects and Leatherface passing through the ranks over the years.

The main support act will be Dirty Revolution (pictured), a female-fronted ska/dub band from Cardiff which releases its debut album in August. Local street punk band The Warriors, who originally formed in Herne Bay in the 80s, will open the evening.

The music starts at 8pm and admission costs £3.50 on the door.



SOUL WEEKEND

Saturday and Sunday,
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The Parade, Margate



MARGATE will prove it has plenty of soul when carnival time rolls around again.

The Soul Weekend boasts performances by charismatic artists that will transport audiences back in time to the great soul weekenders of the late 70s and early 80s. Highlights will include Nu Soul Generation (pictured) with their explosive and dynamic sound that combines Judy Duff's great vocals with horns and rhythm to get toes tapping from the opening bars.

Westcoast's own enigmatic Eli features in the Westcoast Soulstars and the music of Bob Marley will fill the air when top tribute act Legend Live visit Margate in the



midst of a busy European festival tour.

The divas of soul and Motown will receive a note-perfect tribute from the Supreme Queens, while the World Famous Caister Soul DJs Tony Matthews, Peter Collins and Micky B will be on the decks.

There will be entertainment on the Parade from 2pm both days, with the carnival procession starting at Westgate from 3pm on Sunday, followed by a carnival dance at the Winter Gardens at 7pm.

For more details see www.margatecarnival.co.uk.

THANET LEISURE

Anonymous art to be auctioned for charity

BIDDERS could buy art by Tracey Emin or Timothy Spall at an auction.

Celebrities and members of the public have submitted postcard-sized works for the auction in aid of Nicole's Fund for Teenage Cancer Trust. The pieces will be on display at Margate Harbour Arm Gallery from Saturday until the auction at 4pm on Saturday, August 8.

See www.margateharbourarm.co.uk.

Man to give a rousing performance by the sea

ENJOY an evening of rousing patriotic music as Thanet Male Voice Choir presents its Prom by the Sea concerts.

Tonight and again on August 26, the choir invites people to join them at the Pavilion on the Sands in Broadstairs for some easy listening music, followed by fireworks over Viking Bay.

The concert is at 7.30pm and is free, but spectators are advised to arrive early.

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DISCOVER the wealth of wildlife along the coast during a Seashore Safari.

Experts will help participants identify their finds during the safaris held at the bottom of the slope to the beach in Joss Bay, Broadstairs, at 11am today; the tidal pool at Minnis Bay, Birchington, at 1pm on Thursday and at West Bay, Westgate, at 5.30pm on Tuesday. Call 01843 577672 or see www.thanetcoast.org.uk.

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THE National Trust is encouraging children to run wild this summer.

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What We Started, The Others Have Copied

Broadstairs gears



FOLK Week returns to Broadstairs next month as the town gears up for its biggest cultural event of the year.

The popular festival of arts has a tinge of Americana at its heart this year, with the addition of acts such as up-and-coming artist Devon Sproule to the line-up.

The singer-songwriter from Charlottesville, Virginia, incorporates elements of folk, country and jazz into her music, delivered in an affecting, personal style.

The theme continues with acts like Hot Club of Cowtown, who also hail from across the pond.

The swing/pop trio have just released their first album in five years and look set to take Broadstairs by storm as part of the festival, which runs from Friday, August 7, to the following Friday.

Folk Week director Jo Tuffs said: "It is a little outside of the tastes of our core audience with Devon and Hot Club, but it all adds to the range of people we attract and that's a good thing."

Folk favourites such as Faustus, The Maybells, Alistair Anderson,



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up for Folk Week

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Also entertaining the crowds will be the all-singing, all-strumming Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain, who will play Folk Week before they perform at the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall.

Jo said: "We've got them first and tickets are selling well for that. It will be one of the highlights this year."

BBC Radio 2 award-winners Spiers and Boden also perform, as will barn dance favourites the Aardvark Ceilidh Band.

There is also the usual mix of

trade stalls and the smaller pub, bar and café gigs to add to the festival feel, while there will be workshops in everything from Zulu-dancing to belly-dancing.

Crampton Tower will be used this year for small acoustic shows and keep an eye out for assorted Morris sides and traditional events taking place all over the town.

One of the highlights is the Torchlight procession through town, which begins at 10pm on Saturday, August 8.

Take a look at the Folk Week website for a full programme of artists, events, dates, times and more by visiting www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk.



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LEGENDARY: Australian drum and bass superstars Pendulum will be joined by MC Jakes (above right) for the Dubbed Out bank holiday weekend special at The Loft in Maidstone

Pendulum are holiday hits at drum and bass night

AUSTRALIA'S most cherished export since Foster's will headline a stellar night of drum and bass next month.

Pendulum will perform the main DJ set at 666's Dubbed Out Bank Holiday weekend special at The Loft in Maidstone.

The six-piece – famed for big bass hits such as Granite, Propane Nightmares and Slam – will be backed by their UK tour master of ceremonies, MC Jakes, up-and-coming dubstep act 16 Bit and regular Dubbed Out residents Midnight Flight.

More acts are set to be added to the line-up.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A 666 spokesman said: "It's the sixth instalment of Kent's biggest dubstep and drum and bass night.

"Pendulum are fast becoming legendary for their high-driven live shows and their DJ sets match the live band for their innovation and all-round energy.

"And yes, Perth's one and only Pendulum, the hottest drum and bass act on the planet, will be hitting The Loft and smashing out their rolling beats with MC Jakes.

"Expect breakdowns, beats, rewinds, wildly

remade tracks, fresh remixes and crazy, live mixing skills."

There are two 666 club nights at The Loft; the specialist electro/house/rave Spank night and the dubstep/drum and bass/experimental sounds of Dubbed Out.

The next Spank night is on Saturday, August 15, with Jack Beats – featuring the Scratch Pervers' DJ Plus One – taking to the turntables. Support comes from Matt Cox, Twisted DJs and Hijak Allstars.

Dubbed Out takes place on Saturday, August 29.

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When art imitated life for The Proposal's Sandra

■ BY KATE WHITING

FIVE years ago Sandra Bullock was single, heading for 40 and throwing herself into the Oscar-winning ensemble drama Crash.

Today she's married, stepmum to her tattooed biker-welder-husband's three kids and back on screens in a romantic comedy.

It's quite a turnaround, especially for an actress who used to believe marriage was a "death sentence". So what changed?

"I had everything I wanted, not realising that maybe I was going after things that weren't filling me up in the way I wanted," she says, candidly, when we meet in a London hotel to discuss her role as an unlikely bride in The Proposal.

"I never felt I was missing anything until one day I stopped long enough to smell the roses outside of this little treadmill I had gotten myself on to and I realised there were other things I liked that I didn't know."

In short, she fell in love with the right guy.

Sandra met Jesse James, apparently a real-life descendent of the American outlaw, and former presenter of the Discovery Channel's Monster Garage, when she arranged for her godson to meet him for a Christmas present.

They started dating and three months in she realised he was 'the one' – when he lay injured in a hospital bed after a racing accident.

"I always thought marriage meant that someone was going to ask you to stop being who you were and I met someone who not only wants me to be who I am, but likes it," says Sandra, beaming broadly.

In a bizarre case of art imitating life, Sandra's character in The Proposal, Margaret, is a workaholic boss who doesn't think she needs anything else in her life.



LIFE CHANGE: Sandra Bullock stars in The Proposal

But when the threat of deportation back to her native Canada means losing her job as an editor in a publishing company, she turns to her personal assistant Andrew (Ryan Reynolds) and blackmails him into marrying her.

Andrew reluctantly agrees, on the condition that she flies with him to Alaska to meet his family and celebrate his Grandma Annie's (Betty White) 90th birthday.

In real life, of course, Sandra is nothing like the hard-nosed, Christian Louboutin-wearing New Yorker Margaret – although she does look immaculate today in a white-and-black top, with her long dark hair tucked behind one shoulder to reveal a diamond earring.

And she is the 'older woman'. While Ryan, married to Scarlet Johansson, is 32, Sandra will be 45 later this month – although she hardly looks a day over 29 – the age she

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was in her breakthrough role in 1994's Speed.

As she sucks on boiled sweets and lets out real belly laughs, it is clear she couldn't be an 'evil witch' if she tried.

Through roles in films like Miss Congeniality and Two Weeks Notice, Sandra – Sandy to her friends – became known as the comic actress who could play the girl-next-door, the tomboy and the sexy leading lady.

Due to having some bad experiences of comedy, she only agreed to do The Proposal if she could be executive producer.

As for her acting future, Sandra implies that she might not stick at it for the long haul, unlike her 87-year-old Proposal co-star Betty White.

"Most of what I do in my life doesn't happen in front of the camera and I love it just as much."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

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FIVE upped the stakes with Channel 4 in the ever-more-provocative and outrageous programme titles race with its Thursday night offering – Headshrinkers of the Amazon.

Reporter Piers Gibbon found himself in a remote Ecuadorian village in search of shamen, with the possibility that his own brain would come back reduced, rather than enlightened, by the experience.

Fortunately, and perhaps unsurprisingly, he escaped unscathed and the Shuar villagers seemed more than welcoming, no doubt not used to having too many Western visitors these days.

The most disturbing part of it all was archive footage by a Polish explorer, Edmundo Bielawski, of an apparent head-shrinking ritual in motion, which was the cause for Gibbon's foray into the rainforest.

Perhaps this is how people who tune into rolling news coverage feel? The 1960s flickering images from the old film added to the eeriness of it all.

The programme later unravels the continuing black market trade in 'tsantsas' or officially shrunk head collectibles, all rather gruesome but nevertheless watchable.

The most poignant moment came when Gibbon met the widow of a man who disappeared after criticising the shamen's ritual, never to be seen again.

Definitely thought-provoking, but not while eating your boiled potatoes and green beans.

That particular fare is not something the Supersizers, aka Giles



GRUB'S UP: Sue Perkins and Giles Coren will sample the delights of Roman food this week

Coren and Sue Perkins, will be likely to eat this week as they prepare to feast on the delights of ancient Rome for the last in the series.

They travel back to the early days of the Roman Empire to live on the food of the age and will inhabit a villa and don togas to scoff their faces through the culinary timeline of 44BC to 80AD.

What I like about this show is that even though it sticks to roughly the same formula each week the hosts are funny and the food cooked up for them is always intriguing.

The wartime episode, which showed how people got by on rations, with such delights as potato sandwiches forming part of an average diet, was especially interesting.

For the Rome experience, Italian chef and cookery writer Valentina Harris takes to a marble kitchen to rustle up delights such as the putrid-smelling fish sauce garum, the snack of iguana meat and other treats.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

DON'T throw your pearls to swine. Although you enjoy being generous with your resources you need to examine the reasons behind this behaviour. The minute you cut off the supply, fair-weather friends will drop you like a hot potato. You never know when your financial luck will run out.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

BUILDING your entire identity on a career isn't the best idea. You need to balance your life with other things. Granted, it's nice to be appreciated at work, but remember things always change. If you are suddenly left out in the cold, you'll need a place to go and lick your wounds.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU may be putting too much stock in a close relationship. Being in love will not solve all of your problems. In fact, it can multiply them. You are too strong to be influenced or intimidated by anyone, but getting just the right balance will be a bit of a struggle, but well worth it.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU might be overreacting to some career pressure. Try keeping this situation in perspective. If your boss asks you to do the impossible, be ready to just say 'no' and explain why. The more rational you are, the easier it will be to compromise. You may be suffering from a lack of love in your life.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

DON'T give people too much credit this week. A secret enemy could be working against your interests. It's best to leave a paper trail of memos and advice notes for all of your work. That way, if somebody tries to take credit for it, you'll be able to prove who the true author is.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU may be putting too much trust in an opinion. What's good for one person isn't necessarily right for you. Strive to find your identity in this situation. Settling down to a single relationship or job could make you miserable. Be ready to break ranks for the sake of your own happiness.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

OVERINDULGING in food or drink will leave you wacked out. You need to make some sensible choices about what you put into your body. It may be wise to avoid a friend who likes to party hard. If you've fallen into some bad habits, be prepared for someone close to lay the law down.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21)

PROMISING more than you can deliver will get you in trouble. You've always been proud of your total honesty. Think what will happen if people start doubting your word. There may be good intentions behind your vows, but it's important to be realistic about what you can and can't do.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

TRYING to fit in with the crowd could be a pain. If you're forced to choose between your conscience and being popular, be true to yourself. Some friends will accuse you of betrayal, but eventually they'll respect your decision. Blurting out a secret could get you in trouble.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

IS debt spiralling out of control? It's time to take control of your finances. If you have a business or romantic partner who is being irresponsible with your joint resources, maybe it's time to open a personal account. Having your own nest egg is crucial to your emotional security.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT is possible to have too much fun. Shirking your responsibilities will make friends angry. If you've recently fallen in love, it will be hard to tear yourself away from your lover's side. But make more time for those who were there for you during the single days.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

INSISTING others toe your line creates resentment. You need to respect peoples' differences. A placid person's angry outburst is a warning you have gone too far. Try being more sensitive to your surroundings. Listening will help you understand where others are coming from.

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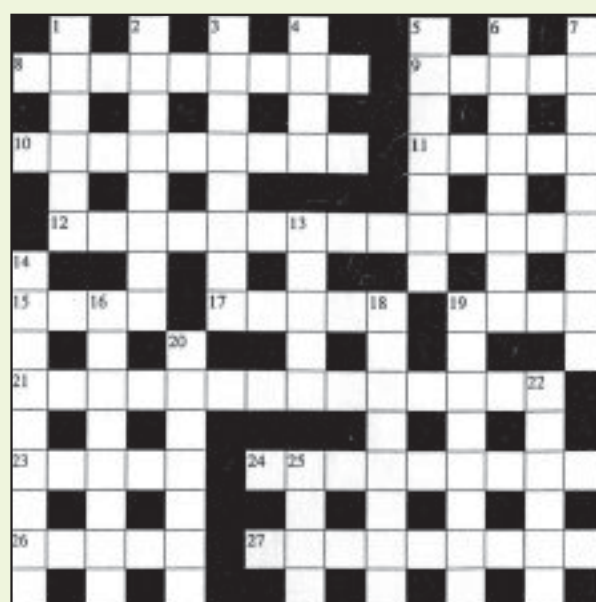
ACROSS

- 8 A continental note that had been strained (9)
9 Was amazingly due to ooze out (5)
10 Group leader getting into another oily pool when there is only limited competition (9)
11 In public it is lawful (5)
12 What silly blank verse hasn't got (5,3,6)
15 Assuming engineers go round common (4)
17 Collect fool before noon first (5)
19 The way one in France will amaze (4)
21 Wise guy is going round southern country archipelago (7,7)
23 Matilda's dance (5)
24 Strong enough to resist effects of something that costs large sum of money? (9)
25 Are without a single repeat showing (5)
27 Master can rearrange religious act (9)

DOWN

- 1 Head branch (6)
2 Carved a gory leg, it had been carved (8)
3 Serve a writ upon beast losing time haphazardly (8)
4 Bar security (4)
5 Like eels that had congealed? (7)
6 Ready to plant cutting of hawthorn (8)
7 Rep intent struggling to the point (9)
13 In the book a picture of an animal (5)
14 Angry remark about this puzzle (9)
16 People learning ancient customs (8)
18 Sarah started zucchini before grub-up in Austria (8)
19 Reportedly made a mistake going to capital with recurrence of symptoms (8)
20 Astonishing Grace? (7)
22 Ranger receiving advance in southeast (6)
25 Not quite round the cricket ground (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Student of the past (9)
9 Get to know (5)
10 Refusing to accept (9)
11 Italian Grand Prix venue (5)
12 Concurrently (14)
15 Burn (4)
17 Sum owed (5)
19 Brother of Abel (4)
21 Light-haired female (8,6)
23 Hellenic (5)
24 Small German sausage (9)
26 Ratel (anag.) (5)
27 Skit (9)

DOWN

- 1 Upper arm muscle (6)
2 Heavy cold (8)
3 Talked idly (8)
4 Caution (4)
5 Perplex (7)
6 Medicinal powder (8)
7 Changeless (9)
13 Book of photographs (5)
14 Fall-guy (9)
16 Almond-flavoured liqueur (8)
18 Sneak (8)
19 Victory (8)
20 Edible nut (7)
22 Relax (4,2)
25 Tour (anag.) (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No97

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QUICK SOLUTION No98

25 Rout. Telltale 19 Conquest 20 Hickory 22 Ease up 13 Album 14 Scapgoat 16 Amaretto 18 Warm 5 Flummox 6 Magnessia 7 Unvarying 24 Bratwurst 26 After 27 Bursaque. DOWN: 1 Biceps 2 Streamer 3 Prattled 4 Debit 19 Cain 21 Platinium blonde 23 Greek 11 Monza 12 Simultaneously 15 Chair 17 ACROSS: 8 Historian 9 Learn 10 Reflecting

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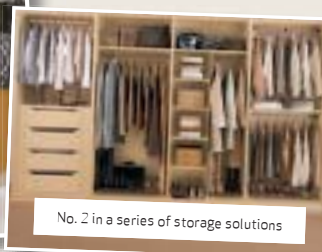


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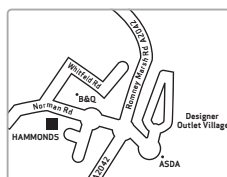
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■ BY **ROGER CROW**

MY lungs were on fire as I forced one foot in front of the other. If exhaustion didn't get me, a bear might.

Not that I'd seen one on my hour-long hike through the Canadian wilderness, but with plenty of warnings about such beasts in the area I couldn't be too careful.

With lungs gasping for breath, I reached my destination: the source of the waterfall – a sheer stone wall, water bubbling through the gap at its base.

The hike had seemed simple until I realised we were 7,200 feet above sea level. As Ben Nevis is about 4,000 feet, it's little wonder I found it a struggle.

Based at peaceful Mount Engadine Lodge, half an hour's drive from one of Canada's most beautiful towns, Canmore, I was relieved to see our hosts had bear-spray ready to ward off unwanted gatecrashers.

If you want a break from civilisation, it's the perfect retreat.

After two days of picture-postcard views, I headed for Rafter Six Ranch Resort, between Calgary and Banff, for a horse-ride to remember.

This three-and-a-half-hour

trek over tricky terrain made for a memorable, albeit taxing, experience.

The following day was the summer solstice, a time for trying new things, as our yoga guide told us.

Icefield Tours, about two hours' drive from the heart of Banff, offers helicopter rides over some of the world's most breathtaking scenery and I was keen to try heli-yoga.

Our guide Martha was a tribute to the power of yoga. She turned 50 that week but could have passed for mid-30s.

The helicopter flew over aquamarine lakes and a sea of trees framed by the Rockies until we touched down in a deserted field that would have looked at home in Little House On The Prairie.

It was an unlikely setting in which to be practising back-arches or 'saluting the sun'.

While having lunch by a babbling stream, I realised this was one of those rare trips which, unlike some of my yoga moves, was perfectly balanced.

I may not have dropped a decade like my yoga guru did, but days there nudged my clock back a few weeks.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Call for regulation of buy-to-let investors

IN a recent poll of 550 mortgage brokers, more than half of respondents said they would like to see buy-to-let regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

A total of 54 per cent expressed that view in the light of the current property prices situation.

Research from mortgage specialist, Exact, also revealed that 63 per cent of brokers estimated that more than 75 per cent of their buy-to-let clients were amateur investors.

For two out of five respondents, the percentage soared to more than 90 per cent of amateur landlords.

Exact's managing director, Alan Cleary, is of the opinion that the ready mortgage finance and credit that existed until 2007 made it too easy for amateurs "without a commercial head on their shoulders" to enter the market.

He said: "It was a mistake to assume that because buy-to-let was viewed as a commercial endeavour, it could be left unregulated."

"The number of amateur landlords in the private rented sector with sizeable portfolios now well under water is proof of the fact."

Don't miss out on cash help for first-timers

FIRST-time buyers are being urged not to miss out on a share of £3.4 million which can help them on to the property ladder.

The money includes £1.7 million of Government funding for an initiative aimed at reducing the cost of homebuying and must be allocated before the end of this year.

"The scheme is called HomeBuy Direct and it dramatically reduces the initial purchase cost of a house and improves your chance of owning your own home," said Tim Nabbs, sales director for Ward Homes.

"We have around £1.7 million of Government funding, together with our own contribution of £1.7 million, which totals £3.4 million that has to be spent on HomeBuy Direct this year."

"I would advise people to come and talk to us to find out if they are eligible and we can answer any queries and help with the paperwork."

The scheme is open to a range of people who don't own their own home.

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Prices raised as buyers increase in confidence

BY NICK AMES

HOME-SELLERS raised their asking prices this month to meet increased demand from buyers, according to the operator of the UK's biggest residential property website.

The average cost of a home rose 0.6 per cent to £227,864 after falling 0.4 per cent in June, Rightmove said in a statement.

The housing market is showing signs of recovery from the worst economic contraction in a generation after officials rescued banks and started printing money.

"With growing confidence that we've passed the bottom, buyers are more active, although they may discover that many of the best buys have gone," Miles Shippide, commercial director of Rightmove, said in the statement.

Seven of ten regions tracked by Rightmove rose this month.

The average number of properties available for sale at each estate agent fell to 70 per cent from 71 in June.

At the same time the number of people looking at property listings on the site is "much higher than we would expect" for this time of year, Rightmove said.

UK mortgage approvals rose to 43,414 in May, up from 27,000 in November, the least since Bank of England data began a decade ago.

The reading is still about a third less than at the start of 2008.

The Bank of England has cut the benchmark interest rate to a record low of 0.5 per cent and is buying £125 billion of bonds with newly-created money to ease lending strains.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has spent billions of pounds rescuing banks.



"With only seven volume lenders remaining in the lending game, including three Government-backed institutions that are prioritising their balance sheets over new lending, we are set to bump along the bottom for some time yet," Mr Shippide said.

The economy will grow 0.5 per cent next year, up from a previous forecast for a 0.1 per

cent contraction, according to experts who use the same forecasting model as the Treasury.

They predict Gross Domestic Product will drop 4.4 per cent this year, more than an earlier estimate of 3.5 per cent.

Repossessions may total 17,494 in the third quarter, up from 17,049 in the three months through June.

Get deposit to secure mortgage

LOWER house prices should be good news for first-time buyers, but research shows that to secure a mortgage, they need an average deposit of £32,000.

Since the onset of the credit crunch almost two years ago, lenders have significantly tightened their lending criteria and the number of deals has been dwindling.

The best deals are saved for those with a hefty deposit – at least 25 per cent of buyers.

Research from moneysupermarket.com, the price comparison website, shows that some 13 per cent of 18 to 34 year olds are now thinking about buying their first home.

However, just 25 per cent of potential buyers have saved a deposit, which leaves three-quarters wondering where the money will come from. Many are relying on the 'bank of mum and dad'.

The figures show 16 per cent are thinking about taking out a loan to cover the cost of the deposit, but Louise Cuming, head of mortgages at moneysupermarket.com, warns that this is risky.

Ms Cuming said: "Taking out a loan to pay for a mortgage deposit is a dangerous move and must be avoided, even if it means you have to delay buying your first home."

She explained that if the lender discovers where the deposit came from, the mortgage application could be rejected.

In related news, house-builders Bovis, Redrow, Barratt and Persimmon last week highlighted that the lack of mortgage finance continued to hinder a recovery in the housing market.

The latest figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders show that mortgage lending improved in May.

However, the number of home loans was still 28 per cent lower than it was this time last year.

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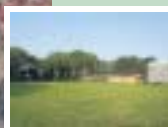
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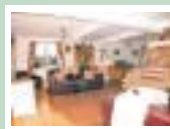
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BROADSTAIRS £475,000

- An executive detached residence
- Daring to be different
- Exclusive location



RAMSGATE £525,000

- Refurbished Georgian Town House
- Direct Sea & Harbour Views
- 4 Bedrooms + self contained flat



CLIFTONVILLE £235,000

- 4-5 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- 2 Receptions, D/Stairs Shower Rm
- OSP, Fitted Kitchen, Loft Room



RAMSGATE £124,995

- Three bedrooms
- Semi detached
- 100 foot garden



RAMSGATE £235,000

- 4 bedroom semi detached
- Sought after location
- Some sea views, No forward chain



RAMSGATE £119,995

- 3 Bedrooms
- 24ft Lounge/diners
- No Forward chain



RAMSGATE £110,000

- Three property family home
- Off Road Parking for 2 cars+
- Central heated & Double Glazed



RAMSGATE £124,995

- Panoramic sea views
- Three bedrooms
- No forward chain



RAMSGATE £195,000

- Large detached bungalow
- Garage and large Gardens
- Viewing is essential !



RAMSGATE £329,995

- High Standard 4 bed detached
- 20" conservatory, 2 rec rooms
- Sought after position, Large gds



RAMSGATE £225,000

- Unique Detached Chalet Home
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Spiral Staircase, established gds



MONKTON £135,000

- Charming Period Cottage
- High Standard decor
- Rural aspect



MINSTER £179,995

- 2 bed semi bungalow
- Heart of the Village
- High standard decor throughout



ST NICHOLAS AT WADE £349,995

- Masterful 5 bed det
- Poss Annexe Potential
- Large gardens



BROADSTAIRS £275,000

- LOCATION..LOCATION..LOCATION
- 3 BEDROOMS
- TWO CONSERVATORIES



BROADSTAIRS £399,950

- AMAZING VALUE
- 5 BED 3 BATH 3 RECEPTIONS
- DBL GGE GREAT LOCATION



BROADSTAIRS £275,000

- CROW HILL & NO CHAIN
- DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS
- 3 BEDS, OPEN PLAN LIVING



BROADSTAIRS £178,000

- Ideally located for schools & town
- 3 bedrooms 2 receptions
- 40' rear garden



BROADSTAIRS £189,950

- 3 bed extended semi
- great location for local schools
- MUST BE VIEWED



BROADSTAIRS £450,000

- Executive detached family home
- Five bedrooms, 2 Ensuites
- Cut de sac location



RAMSGATE £215,000

- 1820's Georgian Terrace
- Modernisation Required
- 5 Bed, 3 Receptions



RAMSGATE £175,000

- 3 Bedroom Town Houses
- Allocated Parking & Gardens
- High Specification Finish



RAMSGATE £124,950

- Retirement Apartment
- Central Ramsgate
- Best Priced 2 Bed in Development



RAMSGATE £119,995

- 3 Bedroom End Terrace
- Modernisation Required
- No Chain Involved



RAMSGATE £319,995

- Imposing Detached Victorian Home
- 4-5 Bedrooms with Annexe
- No Chain Involved



RAMSGATE £154,995

- 3 Bedroom Victorian Terrace
- Some Modernisation Required
- No Chain Involved



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- Three reception rooms
- 150ft+ gardens - Very Deceptive!



CLIFTONVILLE £399,995

- Imposing family residence
- 7 beds, 4 receptions
- Superb condition throughout



BROADSTAIRS £375,000

- Substantial 5 Bed Detached
- 200 Yards From Botany Bay
- Superb Garden With Splashpool



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £249,995

- Central Village Location
- 5 Beds & 4 Storeys
- Luxury fitted kitchen diner



RAMSGATE £134,995

- Three bedroom bungalow
- Enclosed rear garden
- Close to train station



RAMSGATE £159,995

- Three bedroom house
- Off street parking and garage
- Cul de sac location



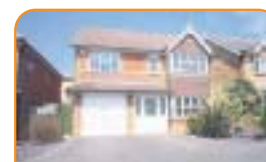
RAMSGATE £174,995

- Two bedroom detached bungalow
- Recently refurbished
- No onward chain



RAMSGATE £119,995

- Two bedrooms, No onward chain
- Cul de sac location
- Close to King George VI Park



RAMSGATE £274,995

- Four bedroom detached family home
- Ramsgate/Broadstairs borders
- No onward chain



GARLINGE £112,000

- Two Bed Period Cottage
- Ideal Location
- CHAIN FREE!



MARGATE £119,995

- Two bedroom ideal starter home
- In need of modernization
- Sought after location



GARLINGE £119,995

- Spacious 2 bed starter home
- Cul de sac location
- Ready to move into!



MARGATE £134,995

- Deceptive Three bed period home
- Arranged over three floors
- Excellent decorative order



MARGATE £189,995

- DETACHED BUNGALOW
- THREE BEDROOMS
- NO FORWARD CHAIN



GARLINGE £209,995

- Spacious three bedroom semi
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac location
- CHAIN FREE!



MARGATE £82,500

- No Forward Chain
- 2 bed purpose built flat
- Popular cul-de-sac location



CLIFTONVILLE £94,995

- 1st floor flat with sea views !!
- No Forward Chain
- Modernised throughout



CLIFTONVILLE £234,995

- Stunning, corner plot det. bung
- South-facing rear garden !!
- 3-4 beds, versatile acc.



CLIFTONVILLE £174,990

- 3 storey terraced home
- Ideal central location
- Deceptively spacious family home



MARGATE £129,995

- Deceptively spacious house
- Popular location
- No Forward Chain



MARGATE £119,990

- Popular residential location
- 3 bed semi-detached house
- Priced to sell !!



BROADSTAIRS £154,995

- Three bedrooms
- Off street parking and garage
- Sought after location



BROADSTAIRS £164,500

- Three bedrooms
- Approx 120' rear garden
- 14'6 x 10'6 Conservatory



CLIFTONVILLE £164,995

- 2 bed semi detached
- Close to Park & Library
- No forward chain



KINGSGATE £184,995

- Three bedroom period home
- 500 yards from Botany Bay
- Approx 150' rear garden



BROADSTAIRS £189,995

- Popular Village Location
- 2 Bedrooms, Very Well Presented
- 70' + Rear Gardens



BROADSTAIRS £199,995

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- 130' Rear garden + Det Garage
- Off Street PKG For 4 Cars



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £119,995

- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- THREE BEDROOM MAISONETTE
- VERSATILE & SPACIOUS



WESTGATE ON SEA £124,995

- TWO BEDROOM STARTER HOME
- WESTGATE DEVELOPMENT, OSP
- SUDG, GFCH & SUNNY GARDEN



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- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
- NO FORWARD CHAIN



WESTBROOK £265,000

- SUBSTANTIAL & SUNNY GARDEN
- 4 BEDROOMS
- MODERNISED THROUGHOUT



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £149,995

- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SUDG & GARAGE



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £275,000

- STUNNING FAMILY HOME
- ORIGINAL FEATURES
- 6 BEDS & CENTRAL LOCATION



RAMSGATE £124,995

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- No Forwarded chain
- Would benefit from modernization

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- 2/3 Bedrooms

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Ramsgate | Price Range: £160,000-£180,000

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- Roof Terrace, Utility Room and Sauna

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Ramsgate | Price Range: £150,000-£170,000

- Well Presented 3 Bed End Terrace
- Popular St Lukes Location
- Close Proximity to Town Centre

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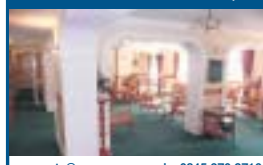
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- Second floor studio with stunning sea views.

.....£725,000



Birchington

- Deceptive 5 bed family home
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- Double garage and single garage.

.....OIEO £350,000



Cliftonville

- Amazing detached with immense character!
- Beautifully presented 4 bedroom
- Off Street Parking and gardens

.....£245,000



Westbrook

- Character, size AND sea views!
- 6 bed family home with plenty of space
- 200 yards from sandy beaches

....OFFERS INVITED £215,000



Cliftonville

- Two bedroom, two reception rooms
- Lovely corner plot
- Stunning gardens

.....£196,000



Birchington

- Popular garden estate location
- 2 Bed detached bungalow
- spacious accommodation. No chain

.....OIEO £185,000



Cliftonville

- 4 bedrooms
- 21' kitchen/breakfast room
- Conservatory, off street parking

.....£179,950



Minnis Bay

- 3 Dble Beds. 2 Reception rooms
- Close to Minnis Bay Beach.
- Garage en bloc.

.....OIEO £165,000



Ramsgate

- Cul-de-sac location
- 2 bedrooms
- Low maintenance garden

.....£153,000



Cliftonville

- Newly built home - 100 yards to sea front!
- Three bedrooms
- Off street Parking

.....£150,000



Westbrook

- 4 Bedroom Character Home
- Close to Beach and Amenities
- Internal Viewing Essential

.....£150,000



Margate

- Get your skates on.....!
- Large 4 bed semi with 2 receptions and 2 bath
- 7 day notice - offers over £142,500

.....£149,995



Birchington

- 3 bed Semi with garage and garden
- Scope to improve
- Ideal first time buy or investment

.....£145,000



Birchington

- Close proximity of Sea Front and village
- 4 Bedrooms, Good size lounge/Diner, Conservatory
- Utility Room. MUST BE VIEWED.

.....£319,995



Margate

- Brand new 2 bed homes with parking
- 10 year NHBC Guarantee
- Opportunity to choose interior finish!

.....PRICES FROM £130,000



St Nicholas-at-Wade

- 1 Bedroom ground floor apartment
- Situated in desirable village. Parking
- Decked verandah to the rear.

.....O.I.E.O £105,000



Birchington

- Managed retirement flat
- Approx 100yds from village shops
- overlooking communal gardens

.....£79,995



Westbrook

- 6 Bedroom Period Family House
- Sea Views
- Must be seen inside

.....£279,000



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Broadstairs £335,000

TOTAL REFURBISHMENT REQUIRED.....SCOPE TO EXTEND.....

This three bedroom detached house would appreciate refurbishment throughout and is located in a great position on the popular Dumption Park Drive. Surrounded by the promenade, beaches and within easy access to the town of Broadstairs, this property is certainly one to consider, definitely something to put your own mark on. Our Offices Are Open 7 Days, Call 01843 866866



Monkton £225,000

YOUR PERFECT RURAL RETREAT.....

A very attractive three bedroom end terrace house which forms part of a former east house and was converted in the 1970's. Located in a picturesque part of Monkton, predominantly surrounded by open farmland and fields, this lovely property is situated to the far end of the cul-de-sac in a row of similar converted easts. Offering the most desirable light and airy accommodation over three floors along with pretty gardens and a garage. If you are looking for peace and tranquility in a very pretty setting, call now to view on 01843 866866.



Broadstairs £135,000

FULL OF POTENTIAL.....

A spacious semi detached house which would be perfect as a first time buy or investment property and is located within a popular residential area of St Peters. Requiring updating and maintenance of the gardens, this desirable house has the potential of becoming a comfortable and spacious home. Comprising two double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, 21' lounge / diner, conservatory, additional lean to, large utility room, kitchen, generous gardens and off road parking.



Kingsgate £325,000

SPACIOUS, SUPERB LOCATION, SWIMMING POOL.....

This extremely spacious detached bungalow is located in the much desirable location of Botany Road in Kingsgate and within approximately 200 metres of Botany Bay. This property is offered with no chain and comprises four double bedrooms, dressing room, bathroom, ensuite, cloakroom, 25' kitchen / diner, 26' lounge, swimming pool, 50' rear gardens and a garage. To view, call our offices on 01843 866866, we are open 7 days a week.



Broadstairs £155,000

HOW TO GET ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER.....

This immaculately presented first floor maisonette is located in a much sought after location, just off of the town in Broadstairs. Magdalen Court is a desirable development of similar properties in a cul-de-sac location, offering plenty of parking and pretty well maintained communal gardens. This particular property has a light and airy lounge / diner and separate kitchen on the first floor and two double bedrooms with a bathroom on the second floor plus a garage en bloc.



Broadstairs £1,300,000

WHEN LOCATION AND STYLE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT...

This detached Edwardian residence is poised on a double plot within the prestigious North Foreland Private Estate.....This beautiful house comprises six bedrooms, two bathrooms, three ensuites, four reception rooms, cloakroom, utility room, terrace from the master bedroom, double garage, shower room, storage room, large summer house with kitchenette, swimming pool, large gardens and a double drive in - drive out with electronic gates.



Broadstairs Reduced To £299,000

STUNNING BALCONY APARTMENT DIRECTLY ON THE SEAFRONT...

This first floor balcony apartment is truly a fine example of the perfect holiday retreat. Located directly on the seaford in one of Broadstairs most sought after locations, this two double bedroom seaford home offers immaculate accommodation comprising seaford open plan lounge / kitchen, two seaford bedrooms, ensuite, master bathroom, 28' balcony and private allocated parking space.



Broadstairs £385,000

WHEN LOCATION IS REALLY IMPORTANT.....

This semi detached residence is situated in a much sought after location in Broadstairs. Built approximately 1896, this lovely house has retained many of its original features including decorative coving, archways, ceilings roses and fireplaces with some of the benefits including five bedrooms, three reception rooms, sea views, garage and a good sized garden.



Monkton Reduced To £495,000

YOU WILL LOVE THE RURAL LIFE

'The Lodge' has spectacular views over adjacent farmland of which 1 to 8 acres are available to lease for grazing if required. Offering light and spacious accommodation which is ideal for a family who want to permanently reside of use as a holiday retreat. There are three double bedrooms, ensuite and further bathroom, spacious lounge and a large kitchen / diner. Viewing is essential.



Broadstairs Reduced To £450,000

A LARGE FAMILY HOME? YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED

A beautifully presented and substantial detached family home tucked away in the far corner of a highly regarded cul-de-sac in Broadstairs. This lovely home, thought to be situated on the largest plot in the Drive, offers spacious and contemporary living arranged over two floors comprising five double bedrooms, two ensuites & bathroom, 3 reception rooms & 120' garden to two sides.



Broadstairs Reduced To £150,000

YOUR PERFECT CONTEMPORARY APARTMENT

This top floor apartment is situated in St Peters and is within easy access to Broadstairs High Street with local transport links nearby. An ideal first time buy, investment or holiday home this property comprises two double bedrooms, one with ensuite, separate bathroom, lounge / diner, fitted kitchen, covered allocated parking, lift, balcony and manicured communal gardens.



Kingsgate £200,000

YOU WILL LOVE THIS LARGE GARDEN

A well presented semi detached bungalow is situated in a much sought after area of Kingsgate. This property is in good decorative order throughout and benefits include two double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, conservatory, detached garage, ample off road parking and 130' rear garden. Viewing is highly recommended.



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Margate £140,000

A WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM HOME!

This well presented two bedroom terrace home is situated in a popular residential area of Margate within a quarter of a mile of the QEQA Hospital and within half a mile radius of the beach, Town Centre and local amenities. Arranged over two floors which comprises lounge, dining room, 13' fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a spacious well appointed bathroom. This home also benefits from an approximately 49' rear garden, gas central heating and fully double glazed. Call 01843 834455 to arrange your viewing!



Cliftonville £120,000

NEWLY REFURBISHED APARTMENT WITH STUNNING SEA VIEWS!

This delightful newly refurbished one bedroom apartment has been finished to an impressive standard and offers generous size living accommodation including a 18'7" living room, newly fitted kitchen with appliances, 14'7" bedroom, a well appointed bathroom and a 32' private balcony with delightful sea views. This apartment also benefits from residents parking, fully double glazed, new carpets and no forward chain. A garage within the development is available to purchase subject to separate negotiations. Call 01843 834455 to arrange your viewing!



Westgate-on-Sea £100,000

PERFECT FIRST TIME BUY OR BUY TO LET!!

This bright and spacious two bedroom apartment situated on the first floor of this early Victorian property. Situated in the popular residential area of Ethelbert Terrace in Westgate and within easy reach of the train station, local amenities and the sandy beaches. The flat benefits from two double bedrooms, a lounge, a kitchen and family bathroom. Viewing can be arranged via our offices which are open 7 days a week on 01843 834455.



Birchington £96,950

AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY, HOLIDAY HOME OR INVESTMENT

A well presented ground floor purpose built apartment situated in a popular residential area of Birchington. This apartment offers an open plan living, dining and kitchen area, one double bedroom and a good sized bathroom. Outside, there are manicured lawned communal gardens and allocated parking for one car. Offered with VACANT POSSESSION.



Margate Reduced To £125,000

HOW TO GET ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER.....

This lovely two bedroom mid terraced house is the perfect option for someone who wants to get onto the property ladder or purchase as a buy to let investment property. Situated in a quaint street of similar properties, this well presented house offers good sized accommodation comprising two double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, separate w.c., a 22' lounge / diner, double glazing, central heating and a 40' rear garden.



Cliftonville £340,000

THE PERFECT LOCATION.....

The current vendors of this property have improved this home without compromise - offering comfortable and well proportioned living accommodation over two floors with some of the benefits including four double bedrooms, a triple aspect lounge, a quality fitted kitchen opening into a hardwood conservatory, a large black paved driveway and attractive urban style gardens to three sides.



Cliftonville Reduced To £165,000

MOVE STRAIGHT IN.....

A great opportunity to acquire this immaculately presented two bedroom first floor retirement apartment which is situated in popular residential area of Cliftonville. Offering sea views from some of the rooms, this apartment comprises two double bedrooms, a 23' lounge / diner, fitted kitchen with some appliances, a modern bathroom suite, communal amenities and parking.



Garlinge £159,995

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BAUNGALOW WITH NO FORWARD CHAIN!

This lovely semi detached bungalow is situated in the popular residential area of Garlinge within close proximity to the local shops and amenities. This home offers well proportioned accommodation comprising 16' lounge, two double bedrooms, Kitchen, bathroom and separate w.c. Outside this property boasts a garage, driveway for 3/4 cars and lovingly cared fore front and rear gardens.



Westgate-on-Sea Reduced To £159,995

THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOME WITH GENEROUS LIVING ACCOMADATION!

The generous accommodation of this home is arranged over three floors and comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, garden room, three bedrooms, loft room, bathroom and separate w.c. This home also benefits from a pretty rear garden with picturesque farm land views and is situated in a popular residential area of Westgate-on-Sea within a mile radius of the beach, local shops and amenities.



Margate £155,000

TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACE COTTAGE WITH DELIGHTFUL FARMLAND VIEWS!!

A fantastic opportunity to acquire this lovely two bedroom mid terrace cottage, situated in a popular residential area of Margate enjoying open farmland views. This home offers good sized living accommodation comprising two double bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen with separate utility room, well appointed bathroom and downstairs w.c. This home also benefits from a beautifully presented courtyard style rear garden, garage and gas central heating. Viewings come highly recommended to appreciate the location of this property and all it has to offer.



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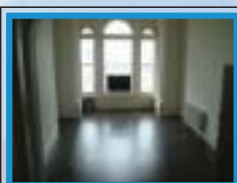
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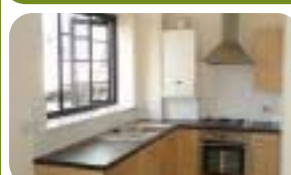
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Different strengths of Euro and Japanese cars

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The Japanese brand emerged as the least likely to break down, while Mazda, Toyota, Subaru, Nissan and Mitsubishi also figured in the top ten.

But when it came to the cost of repairs, Czech brand Skoda was cheapest with an annual bill averaging £215.94. Other European marques also tended to be easier on the pocket once they went wrong.



Some tempting deals on wheels from Nissan

NISSAN is tempting recession-hit consumers with a range of compelling deals until September 30, including a £1,000 discount on the newly launched five-door Pixo (from £5,995) city car.

This comes on top of low emissions qualifying the car for £35/year road tax fee and an average of 60+mpg.

Special editions of the low-cost Micra and Note (pictured) hatchbacks offer high-spec n-tec trim and Nissan is also making low deposit zero per cent finance and personal contract deals available across many models, as well as Government-sponsored scrappage offers.



Ceed seen in new light

KIA has unveiled a smart new look for its popular Ceed family hatchback and, in doing so, confirmed the Korean brand's new corporate face.

The mid-life facelift freshens both the inside and outside of the car that has put Kia on the map with UK buyers in the past couple of years, helped by an astonishing seven-year warranty.

The new-look car should appear in showrooms later this summer and will herald more new Kia models – with the smarter front end – early next year.



SHAPE-SHIFTER: Seat has basically taken the previous generation Audi A4 and reworked it to produce the reborn Exeo, saving it the costs of developing an entirely new car

The audacious planning of 'Audi for Seat money'

ROAD TEST SEAT EXEO

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Despite a Seat grille and some styling tweaks, it can't help looking like a 'dodgy Audi' or suffering from the A4's relatively cramped rear seating. But this is quibbling when compared with the benefits: pricing, peerless build quality, safety, reliability, a high quality cabin – ported over from the even more premium A4 Cabriolet rather than the saloon/estate – a decent boot and a terrific drive.

The last deserves most praise; Seat engineers chose to change the sporty chassis set-up of the Audi, which could be irritatingly firm in everyday use. There is still a Sport option, but our test car had Seat's standard set-up, which delivers a refined ride and responsive handling even on challenging roads.

Our mid-range SE spec car, with its entry level 2.0-litre 143PS/141bhp turbodiesel (£18,340) and six-speed gearbox also impressed with its liveliness, excellent cabin refinement and motorway composure – it should also average more than 50mpg.

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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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AUDI A6



UNTIL the current A6 range, Audi's 'management motor' struggled to match its German rivals for style and image, though fit and finish was beyond reproach. However, examples built before the current 2004 line-up (pictured) can still be incredible bargains. Unless you buy the more expensive quattro versions though, an A6 means front-wheel drive. Ride and comfort also tends towards hard and 'sporting', but the A6 offers excellent powertrains, particularly diesels.

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ALMERA, 2.2d se+, 2001, silver, 0 miles, £2995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)	PRIMERA, Si, 1997, red, 0 miles, £995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)
206, hdi, 2002, grey, 0 miles, £3595, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)	207, S 1.4 Hdi, 2006, grey metallic with charcoal trim, 64000 miles, £5995, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)
406, v6, 2000, silver, 0 miles, £1295, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)	406, LX Hdi 110 diesel cheap tax, 2001, silver, 147985 miles, £1595, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)
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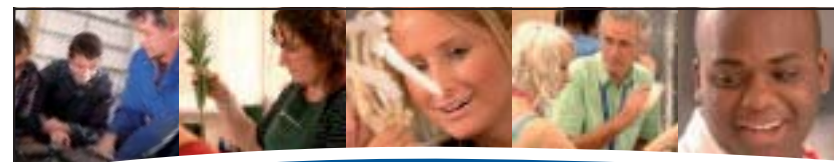


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THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

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COULD IT BE YOU?

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STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soap, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 1

I LOVE LIFE

I'm Roxie, 46, 5ft7, dark curly hair, like theatre, opera and ballet, seeking a man that full of life and adventures! Box 454391 1

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 1

YOUNG AT HEART

Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113 1

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Understanding, caring female, 45, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic puns, seeking male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873 1

MAID MARIAN!

Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447386 1

HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 1

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Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slim/dish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626 1

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 1

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 1

HELP ME OPEN UP

Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes film, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks. WLTm male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 1

LOOK THIS WAY!

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MEN seeking women

FOR LOVE

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BEST FRIENDS

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CHARISMATIC AND ASIATIC

Professional male, 36, 5ft10n, romantic, attentive, GSOH, no ties, enjoys nights out/in, seeks, attractive female, for fun times and happy days. Box 878493 1

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I'M YOUR MAN

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EXPLOSIVE PERSONALITY

Wicked sense of humour, old romantic, likes cycling, walking, live music, club/pubs. Sound good? I'm male, 35, seeking lady for friendship possibly more. Ramsgate. Box 908588 1

TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Passionate gardener, 38, 5ft9, medium-blue eyes, average-stocky build, curly mousey brown hair, likes tennis and music, being sociable! Seeking nice passionate genuine lady. Box 451992 1

THE BUZZ

Happy easygoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421 1

FOR YOUR LOVE

Caring, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, N/S, no ties, GSOH, sociable, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margate. Box 410659 1

TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 1

THE WIT TO WOO

Handsome male, 37, 6ft4, blond hair, blue eyes, looking to slowly rediscover the finer things in life. Herne Bay Box 424503 1

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE!

Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, happy! Looking for loving companion. Box 450317 1

I'LL MAKE YOU SMILE

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LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750 1

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ALL ROMANCE

Romantic, strong male, 50, non-smoking, I love travel, the local cinema/theatre, restaurant. Looking for love and laughter with lovely lady. Box 445354 1

WORD FOR WORD

Hardworking male, 52, 5ft10, tanned, works as a carpenter, into most things in life, seeks loving female for friendship and more. St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 454367 1

AFFECTIONATE AND THOUGHTFUL

Hi, I'm Norman, young 53, love animals, country, films and music, looking for a woman, 47-53, around 5ft, for a serious relationship. Seaford Box 454567 1

PLANT THE SEEDS

Honest and loyal, 53yr old guy, 6ft tall, considered attractive. I'm easygoing, with a GSOH. Looking for female company, to socialise with. I like DIY, gardening. Box 884003 1

HOLD MY HAND

Separated male, 61, honest and trust worthy. WLTm lady for walks, trips to seaside, cuddles and hopefully long term relationship. Box 445994 1

SHARE A LAUGH

Dark handsome man, 63, enjoy country and folk music, foreign travel, nights out, cinema, looking for a woman to share a laugh with. Deal Box 454206 1

WHERE CAN OUR LOVE GO?

Retired professor, 67, hobbies include chess and watching dvds, well-travelled, looking for a lady, 55-65, in the Bexhill/Eastbourne area. Box 454419 1

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

57yr old male, 5ft7, enjoys going out, walks, the dog, going dancing, sharing a good laugh, seeking a woman for a nice quiet relationship. Ashford Box 454139 1

Men seeking men

ACCOMPANY ME

I'm 29yr old guy, 5ft10, enjoys going out to pubs, clubs, cinema and various places, seeking a warm hearted guy for friendship/relationship. Box 877666 1

JOINED IN LOVE?

Good-natured, down-to-earth guy, 46, green eyes, dark hair, slim, enjoys holidays, music, puns, eating in/out, WLTm male, 35-50, for companionship. Box 441111 1

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE

Young looking 50yr old, fairly shy, non-smoker, loves travel, walking and meets out...hoping to meet a nice guy for relationship. Box 452631 1

YOU GOT IT

56yr old honest male, 5'10", brown eyes, WLTm similar male for friendship and maybe more. Box 454513 1

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CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

Kent League Division One

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Tenterden 1st XI

SANDWICH Town lost a nail-biting game on the penultimate ball as Tenterden scraped home by four wickets at the weekend.

The home side batted first and were soon in trouble at 86 for 3 with Craig Snell (22), David Scoggins (10) and Stuart Smith (22) all back in the pavilion.

Tyler Griffin was proving difficult to get away, recording tidy figures of 2 for 19.

A partnership of 92 between Vishaul Singh and David Draper helped steady the ship for Sandwich as they went on to score 204 for 4 from their 50 overs.

Singh finished with an unbeaten 85 from 86 balls, while Draper fell four runs short of a deserved half-century.

In reply, Tenterden looked to be struggling at 37 for 2 after Craig Snell had bowled Tim Curteis (11) and Craig Spanton had Nick Hall caught for 13.

Ben Price's 43 stemmed the tide before Christopher Vernon and Tamir Chanda put on 71 for the fourth wicket.

Vernon hit 52 before he became Spanton's second wicket, while Chanda remained unbeaten on 54.

His knock proved invaluable as a couple of late wickets brought Sandwich back into the game, but the visitors managed to scrape home with a ball to spare.

Sandwich pipped with a ball to spare by Tenterden



SO CLOSE: Sandwich (bowling) came agonisingly close to beating Tenterden, only to be thwarted on the penultimate ball

SCOREBOARD

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Daking b Griffin	22
David Scoggins ct Chanda b Griffin	10
Stuart Smith lbw b Hall	22
Vishaul Singh not out	85
David Draper ct Hall b Chanda	46
Robert Goatham not out	3
Rhys Jones did not bat	
Gavin Lawrence did not bat	
Craig Spanton did not bat	
Matthew van Poppel did not bat	
Jack Bradley did not bat	
Extras (2b 8lb 6nb)	16
Total (4 wickets, 50 overs)	204

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Timir Chanda	15	2	55	1
Ben Daking	9	2	28	0
Tyler Griffin	7	3	19	2
Mark Baker	15	2	66	0
Nick Hall	4	0	26	1

Tenterden

	Runs
Tim Curteis b Snell	11
Nick Hall ct Goatham b Spanton	13
Christopher Vernon ct Jones b Spanton	52
Ben Price ct Bradley b Draper	43
Timir Chanda not out	54
Ben Daking lbw b Spanton	0
Daniel McDonald run out	11
Tyler Griffin not out	9
Andrew Crawford did not bat	
Simon Bessant did not bat	
Mark Baker did not bat	
Extras (3b 4lb 7nb)	14
Total (6 wickets, 49.5 overs)	207

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	12	2	42	3
Jack Bradley	12	3	55	0
Craig Snell	5	0	28	1
Matthew van Poppel	13	0	42	0
David Draper	7	0	33	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Broadstairs 1st XI v HSBC 1st XI

A TOP score of 17 tells its own story as Broadstairs were well beaten by HSBC.

Martin Rattigan's 5 for 31 helped bowl HSBC out for 109 inside 45 overs leaving the Thanet side enough time to get the low target required, but none of the Broadstairs' batters were able to occupy the crease long enough.

Alan Slater's 4 for 20 did the damage as only three batters made it in to double figures. Broadstairs were bowled out for a paltry 79 to lose by 30 runs.

HSBC

	Runs
Richard Golbourn	32
Jack Harris	14
Sam Perks	8
Alan Slater	6
Stuart Bate	7
Jack Potter	run out
Richard Slater	not out
Sam Pope	0
Jack Robertson	0
Nicholas Wheddon	0
Liam Jensen	0
Extras	19
Total	109

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Liam Narraway	6	0	41	0
Bradley Ellison	7	4	6	1
Michael Ross	4	1	5	0
Martin Rattigan	15	6	31	5
Chris Kidd	12.4	3	20	3

Broadstairs

	Runs
Michael Ross	7
Terry Bond	4
Scott Narraway	11
David Cooper	5
Sam Winsor	13
Neil Brennan	0
Niruban Naveen	0
Liam Narraway	0
Chris Kidd	17
Bradley Ellison	0
Martin Rattigan	0
Extras	13
Total	79

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Liam Jensen	16	9	18	2
Jack Robertson	4	0	14	1
Alan Slater	11	5	20	4
Stuart Bate	6	1	11	0
Nicholas Wheddon	7.5	3	8	1
Sam Pope	2	1	1	2

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1E

High Halstow 1st XI v St Margaret's 1st XI

AARON Powell's 117 set St Margaret's on their way to a comprehensive 91-run at High Halstow.

Powell and Daniel Kennett (49 not out) helped the Thanet side to a competitive score of 240 for 7 from their 40 overs. Skipper Ritchie Hulks then did the damage with the ball, claiming superb figures of 5 for 40, ably assisted by Daniel Kennett who took 4 for 43 as High Halstow struggled against a rampant attack.

The home side were eventually bowled out for 149.

St Margaret's

	Runs
Greg Hill	18
Scott Blackman	7
Lloyd King	0
Ritchie Hulks	16
Steve Blackman	3
Aaron Powell	117
Daniel Kennett	49
Ryan Hulks	5
Ashley Birchenough	5
Dale King	0
Martin Wisbey	0
Extras	18
Total	240

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Mat Gilbert	12	2	56	1
James Leadbeater	4	0	24	1
Chris Dockwray	12	4	33	3
Jamie Kingbrooks	5	0	24	1
Ian Bateman	4	0	34	0
James Dougherty	9	2	62	1

High Halstow

	Runs
Mat Gilbert	31
James Leadbeater	0
Jamie Kingbrooks	0
Ronnie Singh	20
Craig Watts	47
Simon Topham	0
Steve Phillips	0
James Dougherty	0
Peter Tungate	8
Ian Bateman	0
Chris Dockwray	14
Extras	27
Total	149

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ritchie Hulks	11.4	3	40	5
Daniel Kennett	9	0	43	4
Ashley Birchenough	5	0	32	1
Lloyd King	3	0	25	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 2C

St Margaret's 2nd XI v Upchurch 4th XI

SANJIV Balachandran took three wickets with the first three balls of the St Margaret's innings to claim a sensational hat-trick for Upchurch as they won by 149 runs.

Balachandran claimed superb figures of 5 for 10 as St Margaret's were bowled out for just 52 inside 24 overs chasing 202 to win.

Upchurch had scored 201 for 6 with Pete Bowley the pick of the Saints attack with 3 for 29, while Ross McHugh picked up 2 for 37. Adrian Hulks top scored with an unbeaten 15 as Balachandran ripped through the St Margaret's batting line-up, leaving them unable to recover.

Upchurch

	Runs
Patrick Collins snr	1
Simon Montgomery	76
Kieran Hayes	17
Sam James	51
Sanjiv Balachandran	36
David Tyler	2
Kieran Tyler	4
Lloyd James	1
Martin Brunker	0
Finn Collins	0
Sandip Patel	0
Extras	13
Total	201

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Josh Mills	5	1	25	0
Kieran Hudson	8	2	45	1
Adam Smart	5	1	25	0
Ross McHugh	7	0	37	2
Adrian Hulks	5	0	32	0
Pete Bowley	10	1	29	3

St Margaret's

	Runs
Zack Fagg	0
Russell Blackman	12
Stuart Mills	0
Pete Bowley	0
Josh Mills	0
Paul Fagg	1
Kieran Hudson	3
Mark Osmond	1
Adrian Hulks	15
Adam Smart	11
Ross McHugh	2
Extra	7
Total	52

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sanjiv Balachandran	7	2	10	5
Finn Collins	5	2	9	2
Kieran Tyler	5	2	12	2
Sandip Patel	3	1	4	0
Martin Brunker	2	0	11	0
Lloyd James	1.4	0	3	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Sandwich 3rd XI v Nonington 1st XI

SANDWICH lost a dramatic game by one wicket on the final ball in a tense game with Nonington.

Carl Knowles took 4 for 27 as Sandwich were bowled out for 206 from their allocation, with Adam Kent and Russell Stewart taking two wickets apiece. David Carr top scored for Sandwich with 62, ably supported by Clive Thurgate (36) and Jamie Davies (30).

Only three of Nonington's batsmen reached double figures but they were saved with good knocks from Rob Paton (59) and Matt Sadler (76 not out). It was tough on opening bowler Chris Smith who bowled beautifully for figures of 5 for 37, but it wasn't enough as Nonington scraped home.

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Paul Goatham	6
Tony Curwen	12
Jamie Davies	30
David Scarr	62
Clive Thurgate	36
Chris Jarvis	14
Christopher Henry	0
Connor Summers	12
Chris Smith	17
Andy Chapman	5
Ben Thurgate	1

Extras	11
Total	206

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matt Sadler	5	2	25	0
Nick Blackman	12	4	51	0
Russell Stewart	12	1	36	2
Rob Paton	4	0	15	0
Adam Kent	8	0	47	2
Carl Knowles	5	0	27	4

Nonington

	Runs
Nick Blackman	9
Nick Collins	4
James Burrett	26
Rob Paton	59
Carl Knowles	0
James Anderson	0
Matt Sadler	76
Gary Coulson	2
Russell Stewart	0
Adam Kent	2
Clive Knight	1

Extras	28
Total	207

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Chris Smith	12	2	37	5
Connor Summers	12	2	53	3
Clive Thurgate	8	3	21	0
Andy Chapman	5	0	36	0
Ben Thurgate	9	1	46	0

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ON TARGET: Gary Mickelborough (red) hit a hat-trick

New signings give Rams heart as Mickelborough hits debut hat-trick

GARY Mickelborough netted a hat-trick on his Ramsgate debut as his new side picked up their first win of pre-season.

The ex-Hythe Town winger scored all three goals in a 3-2 win against Great Yarmouth Town on Saturday, in his first game since signing from Reachfields.

The Rams had to come from a goal behind when Stewart Roach made the most of a slip-up in the home defence to slot past Shaun Alliston.

Mickelborough made his entrance as a second half substitute and got the Rams back into the game within three minutes of the interval.

He made the most of a mistake from Yarmouth goalkeeper Craig Lambert to slot home from 12 yards to level the scores.

Ten minutes after the restart, Yarmouth regained the lead when substitute Kieran Batley raced down the right flank to cross for Mark Thompson who netted at the back post.

Jim Ward's side failed to let the goal affect

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them down and hit back with one of their own straight from the kick-off.

Tom Tsangarides forced Lambert into another mistake providing another easy chance for Mickelborough to put away.

The Rams scored what proved to be the winner on 63 minutes when James Gregory hit a crossfield pass that followed Mickleborough's run and he completed a sensational Southwood debut by slotting home his and Ramsgate's third.

The former Hythe man's performance and that of fellow new signings Sam Jones and Liam Quinn will have given Ward heart for the new season.

Ramsgate played their first of two games against Thanet rivals Margate at Hartsdown Park last night. For a report, visit www.yourthanet.co.uk.

FOOTBALL



SHOWING THE WAY: Assistant Neville Southall

Beware computer age, urges Keown on Hartsdown visit

FORMER Arsenal and England defender Martin Keown visited Margate's Hartsdown Park last week to help publicise a scheme to improve pupils' computer skills through sport.

Keown – who won three Premiership and three FA Cup winner's medals in more than ten years at Arsenal – visited Margate's home ground last Tuesday in his role as BT's Communicating for Success ambassador.

The £1 million project will see 70 pupils from five primary schools embark on a two-week football training course, after which time they will create video diaries or pod-casts based on the skills they learn.

Blues assistant boss Neville Southall is also involved with the project, which aims to ease the youngsters' transition into secondary education.

Keown says community leaders need to promote football to children more or risk losing out on potential stars of the future.

He said: "Of course it's a concern for the future of football in this country because there's a danger that children can turn into couch potatoes.

"Some of them can get obsessed with computers and televisions, so perhaps we are losing some stars of the future because we can't develop skills in kids when they're sitting at home on the sofa.

"We need to get them back out there.

"That's why local communities have to do a lot more these days to get children outside playing sport.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with going on the computer because it's the way to communicate now, but there has to be a balance."

Elsewhere at Hartsdown Park, Margate's directors have announced the sale of shares have produced a third of the money required to settle the outstanding debt owed to HM Revenue & Customs.

Takaloo's keen for return and one last shot at glory

BOXING

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

MARGATE boxer Takaloo says he won't contemplate retirement until he has won another belt in the sport.

The 33-year-old former two-time WBU champion at both light and welterweight divisions has taken time out to assess his options since losing to Anthony Small in January last year, but is eager for a rematch with the Southern Area light middleweight title holder.

It was thought that Takaloo, brother of former Margate and Ramsgate forward Mo, would quit the ring after that defeat, but he now believes he has potentially another five years left in the sport.

"I am looking forward to getting back in the ring, but it's just a case of seeing what's out there at the moment," he said.

"I know it is taking time, but I don't just want to get in the ring with anyone, it has to be the right fight. One person I would step in the ring with tomorrow is Anthony Small. That's 100 per cent."

Takaloo has remained fit and is still just over 11-stone making his return to the ring all the more possible, although he concedes the test will be how he deals with another fight mentally.

His hopes of fighting this year will hinge on being picked up by a promoter, something he believes is all the more likely due to the recession.

"The good thing now is the promoters are struggling for fighters and they need good people on their books," he said.

"They know that a Takaloo return will be big news. I've been watching a lot of fights recently and I've really got the hunger again, that's all I've been waiting for."

The Margate Rock, as he is known, concedes he has made mistakes in his boxing career thus far, but feels they have helped make him a better boxer.

He won't, however, be thinking about turning his back on the sport – at least until he has that one last feeling of winning a belt.

"My goal is to win another belt and then I will think about retiring," he said.

"I will know when it's the right time to stop when I go into a gym and I don't want to hit a punch bag anymore, but at the moment I still do and I want to get back in the ring."



GLORY DAYS: Former world champion Takaloo would like to fight for the Southern Area light middleweight title

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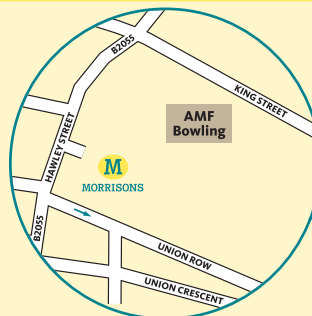
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